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## Kingdom allays fears on GCC security pact

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (AP) — The blueprint security pact for the Gulf will not culminate in the hegemony of any one state on the region, Interior Minister Prince Naif was quoted Wednesday as saying.

He told the Kuwait newspaper *Al-Sayassa* that the pact "would consolidate stability in the countries" of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman in a regional economic integration and collective defense alliance.

Saudi Arabia concluded bilateral internal security accords with all GCC countries except Kuwait, after Bahrain last year announced an abortive coup against it.

Subsequently, Saudi Arabia pressed for a combined GCC internal security pact, which Kuwait rejected as counter to its constitutional stipulations.

"We won't accept an incomplete (security) accord," Prince Naif told *Al-Sayassa*. "This (Gulf) region is important because of its strategic location, financial centers and oil wealth. It deserves utmost security precautions." Kuwait has objected to a clause in the projected pact related to extradition of criminals.

Prince Naif said that some unidentified personalities have been assailing the combined security pact blueprint as a "mischievous Saudi project." He insisted that the Kingdom was merely "keen on safeguarding security" in the sensitive region.

He revealed that the proposed pact calls for the inadmissibility of criticism of the GCC

**Aims at stability**

heads of state and kings by the media in the six countries. In addition, he said, the pact will eliminate the possibility of turning any of the six countries into a staging point for any hostile activity against the other.

He said the GCC's work was going much faster than expected because all its members wanted cooperation to yield results as soon as possible.

Prince Naif hoped in the next few years, the GCC would represent a model for Arab action in other Arab states "where economic and social interests are intertwined, people have a strong feeling toward meeting and working together," he said.

## U.S. sees arms accord with Soviets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) — Chances are even that the United States and the Soviet Union will reach agreement at their Strategic Arms Reduction Talks in 1983, the chief American negotiator said Wednesday.

"I think the odds are probably 50-50," retired army Lt. Gen. Edward L. Rowan said in an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" show.

But he added, "it's difficult to predict at this early stage...we have been making more rapid progress than we did in SALT (the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks of the 1970s). I would say in the last six months we have done what took us about two years in SALT."

"This is a complex, difficult, serious business in some ways arcane and it takes a lot of time to get rid of the underbrush (definitions and ground rules). I'd say we're now free of the underbrush and a lot will depend on events in the next couple of months to see what happens."

The talks began in Geneva last June 29 and are in recess until Feb. 2.

Rowan said "the most positive aspect" thus far has been Soviet leader Yuri Andropov's good reaction to President Ronald Reagan's proposal for such confidence building "steps as an improved hotline between Washington and Moscow and advanced notice of missile launches and major exercises."

"I would personally favor recommend a separate agreement as soon as we can reach one in this area because this would be important," Rowan said.

Asked whether Andropov may be more willing to reach an agreement than his late predecessor, Leonid Brezhnev, he replied: "It's hard to tell."

he would not tolerate such opposition within the coalition.

The coalition, which commanded a large parliamentary majority, included centrists and the small Swedish Party as well as Sorsa's Social Democrats and the People's Democratic League.

When the Communists and Socialists who make up the league first announced their opposition to the increase in defense spending, political analysts said the league wanted to present an image as the party of the peace before elections scheduled for next March.

Finland has been able to combine a Western-style democracy at home with a foreign policy of cooperation with the Soviets against a background of neutrality.

The defense budget in Finland is the second smallest in Europe — in Austria the budget is some 1.3 percent of GNP — but Austria does not have a navy.

According to defense ministry sources, defense costs in France were this year some \$148 per capita, while these costs in Sweden were some \$315, in Norway some \$360 and in the United States some \$830 per capita.

Sorsa has been travelling around the world as the Chairman of the disarmament group of the Socialist International, discounting disarmament and is now asking for more money for the Finnish defense force, while the Communists have always advocated more purchases from the Soviet Union but are now opposing the import of Soviet arms.

## Israel's W. Bank claim void -- U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) — The U.S. State Department on Tuesday rejected an Israeli diplomat's claim that Israel must maintain control over the occupied West Bank to protect itself from hostile Arab neighbors.

Ben Netanyahu, the deputy chief of mission at the Israeli Embassy here, said Israel "cannot and will not tempt aggression" by relinquishing control of the West Bank, which Israel occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Writing in Tuesday's editions of the *Washington Post*, Netanyahu said Arab nation hopes to "squeeze Israel into the pre-1967 armistice lines, subjecting it to a state of intolerable vulnerability."

The distance from the border of the West Bank to greater Tel Aviv is only about a mile (1.6 kilometers), he said, and Arab control would give Arab armies the potential of dominating the narrow coastal plain of Israel in which two-thirds of Israel's population and industry are concentrated.

"Those who argue that the key to peace is Israel's relinquishing of the West Bank ignore the evidence," Netanyahu said.

## 122m born in 1982

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 29 (AP) — In 1982, 122 million children were born in the world — 104 million in the less developed regions, according to estimates of the U.N. population division.

More than 15 million children, from newborn infants to four-year-olds, died during the year, according to U.N. child mortality estimates. That averaged out to more than 40,000 a day.

Out of 10.3 million deaths of infants up to the age of one, 10 million occurred in less developed countries. The remaining five million deaths — in the 1-4 age group — are even more predominantly in the developing countries, the U.N. reports.



CIVIL DISTURBANCE: A crowd of angry residents roams the street in the over-taken section of Miami while a car burns in the background.

## Miami mob goes on the rampage

MIAMI, Dec. 29 (AP) — A mob angered by the police shooting of a black man set fires and hurled rocks and bottles Tuesday night in a predominantly black section of Miami, and one man was killed by police in looting that followed the melee, authorities said.

A civilian and two police officers investigating the initial shooting were trapped for about an hour inside a video game arcade and pool hall by a "hostile" mob of about 150 persons before other police rescued them, said Miami police chief Kenneth Harms.

At least seven persons were injured — four with gunshot wounds — in the disturbance, hospital officials said. Police arrested nine persons on "assorted charges" as up to 200 officers ringed the area.

Another man was slain by gunfire about the same time as the disturbance broke out, but authorities said his death may have been unrelated to the melee.

Roving gangs of black youths set three police cars on fire and pelted white motorists who drove through the area with rocks and bottles, police said. "The brothers were throwing rocks and bottles like terrible," said Michael Patterson, a reporter for the *Miami Times*, a weekly newspaper that covers the black community.

"The situation is well under control and well in hand," Harms said at a news conference.

## U.S. asks Lisbon for military facilities

LISBON, Dec. 29 (R) — The United States has asked for military facilities in mainland Portugal for the first time in exchange for increased U.S. help in rearming the country's military forces, Portuguese officials said Wednesday.

The officials, who asked not to be named, said the United States had asked to build a satellite-tracking station and also wanted access to a number of air bases on the mainland.

At present, the United States only has use of the strategic Lajes Air Base in Portugal's Azores Islands.

The United States and Portugal earlier this month began formal negotiations in Lisbon on renewing the Lajes agreement which expires Feb. 4.

American Embassy officials said the United States was seeking a "broader security relationship" with Portugal. They said the U.S. delegation at the Lajes talks had made a number of proposals for access to additional facilities, but they declined to give details.

Parliamentary sources said the United States had asked for a missile-tracking station in mainland Portugal. They said Washington also had told Lisbon it wanted to station tanker-planes at a number of mainland airports and build additional fuel stores at Lajes to help transport the new U.S. Rapid Deployment Force (RDF).

There was, however, no question of the United States wanting to store nuclear warheads in Portugal and Washington had not asked to station fighter planes or medium-range bombers at any mainland Portuguese base, the sources stressed.

The United States agreed to give \$60 million in military aid and \$80 million in economic aid for the Azores when the Lajes agreement was last renewed in 1979.

Portugal has two other foreign bases apart from Lajes.

## Human rights take a backseat in Poland

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) — A major decline in human rights was recorded in Poland and Ghana in 1982 while significant advances were made in Bolivia and Honduras, according to an independent New York-based organization.

Freedom House, a group active in human rights causes and concentrating particularly on Communist-bloc countries, reports in a year-end survey that 1982 was a better year for freedom than 1981.

The survey said there are 1.6 billion people, or 36 percent, living in 55 free nations and 30 related territories — 918 million, 20 percent, in 46 partly free nations and 20 related territories — and 2.2 billion, 43.6 percent, in 62 not free countries and five related territories.

In 1981, 35.9 percent were free, 19.3 percent partly free and 44.8 percent not free, Freedom House said.

Countries were classified in one of the three categories based on their records in political rights and civil liberties.

Human rights made its biggest gains in Latin America, the survey said.

"In the underdeveloped world, it is in the Americas that democratic traditions are most firmly grounded," said Raymond D. Gastil, director of the survey. "The hemisphere has never been freer than it is in 1982-83." Among major Latin American



countries, only Chile "showed stagnation or retreat" in human rights, he said.

Bolivia and Honduras, which shifted from military dictatorships to civilian governments in 1982, have joined the ranks of free countries, the survey said. Bolivia, now headed by Hernan Siles Zuazo, went from not free to free. Honduras, now headed by Roberto Suazo Cordova, went from partly free to free.

## Pullout parleys

# Gemayel seeks dynamic U.S. role

BEIRUT, Dec. 29 (AP) — The Lebanese government decided to seek on Wednesday a "more dynamic" American role to "resolve disagreement over priorities" with Israel on programming a withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon, the state media reported.

The decision was made after the failure of U.S., Israeli and Lebanese negotiators to reach agreement on an agenda at the first round of talks Tuesday in suburban Khalde, south of Beirut, the state-run radio and national news agency reported.

Both said Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan resolved to seek an intensified American role to bring about a compromise formula before the next session of talks is held Thursday at the Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona.

The radio station and the agency said the Lebanese decision would be communicated Wednesday to U.S. special envoy Morris Draper, who headed the five-man American team at the opening session of the talks.

Both quoted an unnamed government spokesman here as saying the Lebanese and Israeli negotiators submitted "sharply divergent outlines" of an agenda for the talks.

The spokesman was quoted as saying the draft Lebanese agenda proposed that the talks focus on a timetable for withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces, then the future of Lebanese-Israeli relations.

These relations would be developed within the framework of the armistice agreement Lebanon and Israel signed in proximity talks

on the Island of Rhodes in 1949 after the first Arab-Israeli war, according to the spokesman. Lebanon still considers the armistice treaty juridically valid to govern future relations between the two countries," the spokesman was quoted as saying.

The Israeli side, which contended that the 1949 armistice was terminated by the 1967 Middle East war, gave priority to its draft agenda to normalizing Lebanese-Israeli relations within a non-belligerency pact that would end the 33-year-old state of war between the two nations, the spokesman was quoted as saying.

The question of troops withdrawal was listed at the bottom of the Israeli draft agenda, the spokesman was quoted as saying.

"The Lebanese government resolved to seek intensive consultations with the American side today so that it will undertake a clearer and more dynamic role to bring about a compromise formula out of the two drafts that will be acceptable to both sides," the spokesman was quoted by the state radio and national news agency as saying.

"An agreement over an agenda would resolve many outstanding issues and improve the chance of success in the negotiations," the spokesman said.

The state radio said the next round of tripartite talks would be held on schedule in Kiryat Shmona on Thursday.

A Lebanese technical and logistical team headed by Col. Fawzi Abu Farhat was to fly to Kiryat Shmona some time Wednesday.

## Beirut crisis tops '82 news

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) — The Lebanese crisis and the change in Soviet leadership led the choices for the top ten news stories for 1982 in a worldwide poll of AP's subscriber editors.

In a close contest between the top two stories, editors chose Israel's June invasion of Lebanon, with the subsequent assassination of the president elect and the massacre of Palestinians, over the death of Leonid I. Brezhnev and the succession of ex-KGB chief Yuri Andropov.

The Falklands war between Argentina and Britain, and the on-going crisis in Poland were third and fourth, respectively.

Explaining his choice for the top story of the year, one editor, Kushwant Singh of the *Hindustan Times*, said the Beirut massacre "demonstrated the ugliness, the hatred and the incapacity of the international system to check such a tragedy." Other editors approached the poll differently, voting purely in terms of reader interest, and chose the death of Princess Grace of Monaco or the soccer World Cup finals as top stories of the year.



8. Resignation of U.S. Secretary of State Haig. Appointment of Shultz  
9. Socialist win in Spain  
10. Tie: The Iran-Iraq war and the death of Monaco's Princess Grace

Other top vote-getters were the Democratic Party gains in the U.S. congressional elections, Suzuki's elevation to prime minister of Japan, the intruder at Buckingham Palace, the Japanese textbook scandal, events in Central America and the submarine caught in Swedish waters, respectively.

## Hotel fire kills 10 in S. Korean city

SEOUL, Dec. 29 (AP) — Ten persons perished and 22 others were injured in a hotel fire early Wednesday in Taegu, the country's third-largest city, the state-run Korean Broadcasting System reported.

Of the 10 fatalities, only five have been identified, the radio network said. One was said to have been a Japanese.

The radio report earlier said there were three Japanese victims, but it later said the other badly burned bodies had not been identified and that the number of Japanese victims was uncertain.

The Yonhap news agency said 35 guests, including nine Japanese and one Taiwanese, were registered. It said two of the injured guests were Japanese.

The fire broke out about 7 a.m. (2200GMT Tuesday) and destroyed much of the six-story Kumho Tourist Hotel in Taegu, 200 miles (320 km) south of here, before it was brought under control, hours later, the agency said.

The fire started in a second floor room and quickly spread through the entire building, the news agency said.

## Chinese go rat hunting

PEKING, Dec. 29 (R) — Militia men armed with bamboo bows and arrows mounted a rat hunt at a rural commune near Canton and gathered more than a ton of carcasses in one day, a local newspaper reported.

The *Yangcheng Evening News* said members of Zhongcun (bell village) commune earned almost \$30,000 last year by selling rat carcasses which they dried in the sun.

Rat meat is widely eaten in southern China where it is considered something of a delicacy. Northerners regard the Cantonese taste for rat meat as evidence of southern backwardness.

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## On one million square meters in Jeddah

## SR150m permanent exhibition planned

By K.S. Ramkumar  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — A permanent exhibition and fair complex called "Exhibition City" is being planned on one million square meters of land near the King Abdul Aziz International Airport, off the Obhur Creek, here.

The ambitious project will cost at least SR150 million when completed and is expected to be operational "within three years but not more," according to Anas Abo Al Samh, director general of the Saudi Expo and International Fairs Company which has embarked on the "dream project."

Samh, formerly the director of the Commerce Ministry's exhibitions and fairs department, told *Arab News* that the design work is in progress for setting up the city which will have all the facilities needed for

national and international exhibitions, fairs, conventions and the like.

The facilities will include banks, restaurants, fire stations, security, telephone and telefax networks, Customs enclosure and workshops for participating exhibitors.

"Hotels are under study," Samh said. "Jeddah already has so many hotels, we will not like to set up hotels and find them uneconomical. We'll take a decision after a thorough survey."

The company was registered on December 6, 1981, and has since acquired the massive land required for the project and entered into agreements with international firms specializing in exhibitions and fairs to implement the project.

Samh, 42, joined the firm six months ago, he said that among the prominent Kingdom's personalities behind the company are Prince Fawaz ibn Abdul Aziz and Prince Saud ibn

Fahd.

"Saudi Expo is also backed by a number of major national companies such as Tihama for advertising; Public Relations and Marketing Research; Saudi Research and Marketing Co., Brothers Trading Co.; and Al-Esai Trading Corporation.

Samh said that besides the exhibition city, the company has two other major objectives — to set the foundation and start construction of the "International Arabic Trade Center" in Jeddah; and to provide technological and scientific expertise to the organizers and participants of exhibitions and fairs.

Samh said the company will manage, supervise and promote the proposed International Arabic Trade Center "which will be an international site for importers and exporters from all over the world."

"The activity of providing technological and scientific expertise is not limited to national companies but is available also to foreign participants anywhere in the world," he added.

Explaining the company's other objectives, Samh said it will organize and set up exhibitions and fairs of local, foreign and international magnitude for the various economic sectors; and will serve as a continuous source of information to companies involved in various activities with the use of publicity and announcements in the different media available in the Kingdom.

The company will strive to improve and expand the concept of trade exhibitions and fairs through the adoption of modern concepts such as arranging symposiums, conferences and functions to assure wide coverage of the event and successful follow-up activities preceding or succeeding every exhibition or fair.

"We are also trying to create a center for exhibitions and fairs in Riyadh," Samh said. "We are also planning exhibitions and fairs in other important cities like Dammam and Alkhobar."

As head of the Arab affairs section, he visited and organized participation in many exhibitions and fairs all round the world, including those in Paris in 1973, 1974 and 1976; in Milano in 1975 and 1980; in Switzerland in 1977; and in Barcelona in 1979.

Company Public Relations Manager Jalal Zari said: "We will organize two exhibitions in Alkhobar in 1983 — on 'Industrial development' from Dec. 4 to 8 and the 'Bethlehem Blast' one from Oct. 13 to Nov. 3. We will also organize a third exhibition — 'Second Saudi Oil Show' — from April 1 to 5 in 1984."

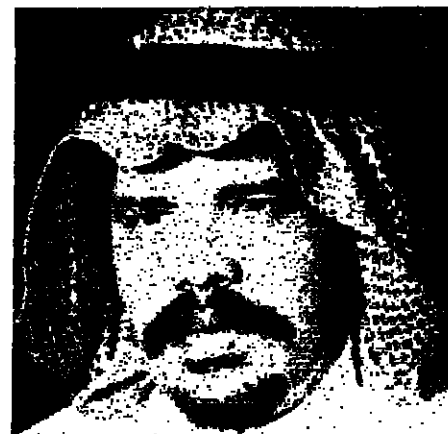
## Prince Faisal ibn Fahd chairs int'l committee

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — King Fahd has approved the appointment of Prince Faisal as the chairman of the Istanbul-based International Islamic Heritage Committee.

The appointment of Prince Faisal, who is also the president of the Saudi Youth Welfare Presidency, follows the nomination of him by the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference held in Niger.

The nomination is the outcome of the Kingdom's well-earned position in the Islamic world and in line with the Saudi Arabian leaders' keenness and concern to preserve the Islamic heritage and stress the future aspects of Islamic civilization.

Prince Faisal is expected to chair the first meeting of the International Islamic Heritage Committee which will also be attended by representatives of a number of international Islamic organizations including the Islamic Organization for Education, Culture and Science as well as prominent Islamic scholars.



Anas Abo Al-Samh



Jalal Zari

## Prince Naif sees public awareness as strong weapon

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian people's awareness is the weapon the Kingdom uses in all its political battles and campaigns directed against it, Interior Minister Prince Naif said Wednesday.

In an interview, published jointly by the Kuwaiti *Al-Siyassah* and *Al-Jazirah* newspapers Wednesday, Prince Naif was quoted as saying that the Saudi Arabian people are aware of the dimensions of such campaigns.

The Kingdom also has a counter measure to the campaigns through a logical media which puts forward the reality, regardless of the strength or weakness of this reality, Prince Naif said. He added that Saudi Arabia acts in accordance with what conforms with its society.

Referring to cooperation among Gulf Cooperation Council member states, he pointed out that such cooperation existed even before the legalized agreements. The work schedule of the GCC has achieved more progress than anticipated, Prince Naif said, because each party is keen to accentuate the framework of this cooperation and implement its contents.

If the same pace is maintained for the coming years, an ideal model of Arab work will emerge and could be practiced in more than one part of the Arab nation where economic and social interests are interlaced and people's feeling toward collective action strengthened, Prince Naif said.

## Saudia cuts fares for U.N. officials

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Saudia, the national airline, has decided to cut its international flight fares by 50 percent for heads of United Nations offices in Saudi Arabia.

In a message to Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, special UNICEF envoy and president to AGFUND, Saudia Director-General Ahmed Matar said the decision was taken in appreciation of the humanitarian role played by the international organization toward children throughout the world.

The decision is not applicable to internal or Gulf trips, Matar said.

## Quaieia project's water pipes deal given

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — A contract for importing and erecting water pipes for the Quaieia project has been awarded to two national companies. The SR65.9 million contract includes laying down 85 kilometers of pipes each with a 300 millimeter diameter. Water will be pumped from wells to be dug 80 kilometers from Quaieia and will reach 13,000 cubic meters.

## Saudi help to Yemen mounts; IDB joins, sends delegation

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given North Yemen 1,000 tonnes of locally produced dates within the framework of relief for victims of the recent devastating earthquake. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, said that the gesture came from King Fahd. Arrangements are being made with Yemeni authorities for the shipment.

The minister said that hygienic precepts were observed when packing the dates. Several chartered aircraft arrived in Sana'a Monday evening with relief aid, including two helicopters a plane with aerial survey equipment and one with foodstuffs and other assistance in kind from Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, some SR5 million were donated by Saudi Arabian businessmen to their Yemeni brothers. The list included SR1 million from the sons of Ali Al-Homrani; SR200,000 from Benladin Establishment; SR100,000 from Al-Hajj Abdullah Alinaza; SR100,000 from Al-Hassay Trade Establishment (Ali & Omar); SR100,000 from Muhammad Ba Hareth; SR200,000 from Abdullatif Muhammad Salah Jamjoum and Bros.; SR100,000 from Abdul Raouf Abu Zinadah; SR100,000 from Al-Nashar Trade

ing Co.; SR150,000 from the Abu Daud Group of Companies; and others.

The board of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Tuesday night concluded a three-day meeting and decided to send a delegation to North Yemen to assess the damage caused by the earthquake which struck the Dhahran Region of the country two weeks ago.

The delegation will also explore reconstruction needs in the quake-affected areas. Following the end of the board's 60th session, the bank's president Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali said the board had approved the bank's final accounts for the financial year 1982. He added that the board had approved a \$324 million loan to North Yemen to finance the construction of power stations in Baadan and Matariq provinces.

Dr. Muhammad Ali said the board approved another loan of \$8 million to Oman to help it set up a technical institute in the country.

It also agreed to extend a third loan worth \$8.6 million to Mauritania to finance the construction of a 106 kilometer long highway linking Tombreda and Ni mai towns in the country's south eastern Province, he added.

## Saudi Arabia, Finnish relations strengthened, trade gets boost

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — The political and economical relations between Saudi Arabia and Finland have strengthened considerably during last five years due to the increased number of exchange visits by dignitaries and an increase in trade and joint ventures between the two countries, according to Finnish Ambassador Kai Helenius.

Helenius who assumed his post in Nov. 1977 left Wednesday for home. He is taking over as consulting ambassador to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Helsinki. Unto Tuomi will assume the position as new ambassador to the Kingdom.

"My tenure here provided an opportunity to witness one of the fastest developments a country can achieve, which the world has never experienced in such a short span of time," Helenius told *Arab News* on the eve of his departure.

The impressive plans are followed through with very few mistakes and the attention placed on human resources and its development shows the importance given to the human being in any change. The efforts made to provide health services, electricity and water to every village in the Kingdom will prove very important to the over all future development in the country, he added.

Helenius said the visit to Finland by various dignitaries from the Kingdom including ministers, top officials and businessmen helped in developing more confidence and strengthening ties between the people of both countries.

## SR330.6m allotted for civic plans

JUBAIL, Dec. 29 (SPA) — SR330.6 million has been allotted for municipal development projects here, according to Muhammad Al-Mansour, head of Jubail municipality.

The projects include an integrated sewage

network, connecting desalination water with wells, afforestation and asphalt and lighting of a number of streets.

All these projects are at different stages of process and will be presented soon for bids.

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## Bank shares will be floated for public subscription soon

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — SR131 million worth of shares in the United Saudi Commercial Bank will be floated for public subscription after one month, *Al-Riyadh* reported Wednesday. The bank is the latest to be Saudiized among foreign banks operating in the Kingdom. It was preceded by the Iranian, Pakistan and Lebanese banks.

The new bank's board chairman, Dr. Mahsoun Jalal said that the announcement for the equity sale will be made within a week. Practical steps are being taken, rapidly and orderly, for the bank to become operational as soon as possible. The headquarters has been rented at Al-Sitteen street in Riyadh along with other branches

in the capital, in Jeddah and in the Eastern Province. More branches will be opened after a short period.

So far, the bank has sent more than 40 employees on training missions abroad. Some of them have already returned. The bank will probably open its tellers as of next May.

The bank has an overall capital of SR250 million. SR100 represents the share of participating banks; another SR19 million belong to 95 Saudi Arabian founders; and the rest is the share of individual subscribers. Firms or establishments cannot share in the bank's equity. The shares will be on sale at Riyadh Bank and the National Bank.

## Gulf Cooperation Council states coordination promotion discussed

ABU DHABI, Dec. 29 — Matters of concern to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States and means of promoting coordination between members was discussed by Ibrahim Al-Subhi, GCC assistant secretary-general for political affairs, and Abdul Rahman Al-Jarwan, undersecretary at the foreign ministry here.

The meeting was also attended by Said Saeed, director of the GCC and Gulf administration at the Foreign Ministry.

Subhi, who arrived here from Riyadh on Tuesday for a 24-hour visit to the United Arab Emirates, is touring the GCC countries to discuss with information officials the preparation of some documentaries explaining GCC goals and the possibilities of holding a symposium on Islamic civilization here.

He met Abdulla Al-Nuwais, undersecretary of the UAE Ministry of Information and Culture here to exchange views on these subjects. They exchange views on the preparation for some Gulf information programs reflecting the GCC activities and explaining its objectives at Gulf and international levels.

They also discussed the possibility of holding a cultural symposium here. The symposium on Arab and Islamic civilization and heritage is to be attended by a number of Arab Islamic scholars.

Subhi later proceeded to Doha on a two-day visit to Qatar. During his stay in Qatar, he will hold talks with Qatari leaders on the Council's information programs and activities and matters of mutual interest.

## More health water needed, SCH says

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — Increase in import of health water indicates the increase of demand for it. Concludes a Saudi Consulting House (SCH) in its December bulletin which published briefs on four market studies made on behalf of some investors in the Kingdom. In the case of health water, there are 16 licensed plants with a total annual capacity of 3,700 million litres. Six plants are in production and ten are still under construction. The other studies deal with freezers and coolers, synthetic adhesives and granulate.

The market study on freezers had revealed that there are four factories in the Kingdom licensed to produce 31,850 units per annum and that not a single factory has started production. In the case of coolers, 11 factories

with a total licensed capacity of 71,420 units have been approved by the government and eight plants are in regular production.

There are two licensed factories in the Kingdom for the production of synthetic adhesives with a total capacity of 1,255 tons, according to another study. The study also states that there are two plants under construction to produce raw material used in the manufacture of adhesives with a total annual capacity of 4,100 tons.

Granulate is a material used in plastering the outer walls of the buildings as it is heat and water resistant. There are seven factories in the Kingdom with an annual capacity of 63,000 tons. Three of them are in production and four others are under construction.

## BRIEFS

**Indian envoy departs**  
JEDDAH, (SPA) — Romesh Bhandari, the special envoy of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, left here Wednesday at the end of three-day visit to the Kingdom during which he gave King Fahd an invitation from the Indian premier to take part in the seventh non-aligned summit due to open in New Delhi early in March.

Bhandari, undersecretary at the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, also held extensive talks with Abdul-Rahman Mansouri, undersecretary for political affairs at the ministry of foreign affairs, and other Saudi Arabian officials on bilateral relations and major issues that would come up in the summit.

**Agricultural Bank loans**  
AHSA, (SPA) — The Saudi Agricultural

**Social Security payments**  
BAHA, (SPA) — SR36 million has been disbursed to Social Security subscribers in the Baha Region. Baha Social Security Director Saleh Kahoush said Wednesday that 10,000 people benefited from the pensions. He added that there are 500 cases of aid to the needy and 30 cases of relief for victims of natural disasters.

**Turkish milk withdrawn**  
JEDDAH, — A variety of Turkish milk in the markets has been withdrawn for inconsistency with Saudi Arabian specifications. *Okaz* reported. According to Jeddah Deputy Mayor Dr. Muhammad Ali Oattan, the milk containers bear the inscription "Valid for one year," whereas the validity duration recognized here should not exceed six months.

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## SABIC Jubail contract is signed

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has signed a preliminary contract with the Japanese company Chiyoda Petrostar for the construction of an ethylene factory in Jubail.

The U.S. Dow Chemical Company had earlier pulled out of the project because it wanted to improve its debt-to-equity ratio and concentrate on special products. SABIC said Dow's decision would not affect its ethylene production plans.

The new factory will be run by the Saudi company Petrokemiyah and will supply ethylene to the Eastern Petrochemical Company (Sharq) other SABIC projects in the Jubail area.

Chiyoda Petrostar earlier this year won a \$100 million contract to build an air separation plant producing oxygen and nitrogen.

## Refinery half way completed

RABIGH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — More than 50 percent of the Rabigh refinery constructed by Petrobra has been completed, according to its deputy chairman Abdul Latif Sulhan.

The official said that when completed the refinery will process 325,000 bpd of crude oil. Out of these there will be 75,000 bpd of naphtha, 36,000 bpd of jet fuel, 47,000 bpd of diesel and 156,000 of refined oil.

The refinery will supply the cement plant and electricity station with their needs for fuel.

So far 1,200 housing units to accommodate 6,000 employees with their families have been established. Docks for oil carriers with 500,000 tons capacity will be built too.

## Ministry move to Riyadh fixed

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — The Foreign Ministry will move to its new headquarters here in 1984, but a main branch will be set up in Jeddah, *Al-Riyadh* reported Wednesday.

Foreign Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Al-Thanyan said that the shifting will take place in phases in the summer, when universities and schools are closed so that the children of civil servants may not be compelled to disrupt their studies.

The branch that will be established in Jeddah will be instrumental, as foreign consulates will remain in the port city. It will be fully linked with the headquarters here.

Already 82 percent of the ministry's housing plan at Al-Alyah district here has been completed. It will be handed over next Shaaban. The plan consists of 611 housing units on a 24,000 square meter land plot. It includes schools, mosques, public parks, central markets and all the necessary amenities. The higher committee for the projects is preparing plans for the compound's maintenance, afforestation, irrigation and other facilities.



CHINESE MISSION: A four-member goodwill mission of Chinese Islamic Association has arrived in Jeddah on a nine day visit of the Kingdom. From left to right Dawood C.M. Ting, Hsueh Yu-Chi Chinese Ambassador, Abdullah T. Emiloglu, leader, Prof. Haji Muhammad Shih, and Sirajuddin Ma Ka-da.

### On a 40-day tour of Islamic countries

## Chinese goodwill mission visits Kingdom

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — A four-member goodwill mission from the Chinese Islamic Association arrived in Jeddah Tuesday from Taipei on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom.

The mission led by Abdullah T. Emiloglu, member of the Legislative Yuan (parliament), includes Dawood C.M. Ting, member of the constituent Council of the Muslim World League, who is also imam at the Taipei Grand Mosque and director of the Arabic Language Department at the

National Chen-Chi University.

The other two members are Professor Haji Muhammad L.S. Shih, research fellow at the Institute of International Relations in the university, and Sirajuddin Ma Ka-da, Arabic professor and youth committee director at the University.

"We have come to Saudi Arabia to extend salutation and congratulations to King Fahd, as representatives of the Muslim community in the Republic of China," team leader Abdullah Emiloglu said.

He told *Arab News*, the mission will visit Makkah on Wednesday to perform *umrah*

and call on the deputy secretary-general of the Muslim World League and other high-ranking officials.

They will also call on Abdul Wahab Ahmad Abdul Wase, minister of pilgrimage and endowments; Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the Organization of Islamic Conference; and several rectors of Islamic universities.

They are on a 40-day tour of various Muslim countries and will visit Jordan, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, after completion of their Saudi Arabian visit on Jan. 5.

## Boy scout missions from U.S., Greece arrive on 9-day Kingdom visit

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — Two boy scout missions from the United States and Greece arrived here Tuesday on a nine-day visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of the Saudi Arabian Boy Scout Association, *Al-Riyadh* newspaper reported Wednesday. The scouts will be acquainted with the history, relics and culture of Saudi Arabia.

The 18 U.S. and 18 Greek boy scouts and their four leaders as well as a number of heads of boy scout associations in the United States and Greece were honored at a dinner at Al-Sulaymaniyah Grand Ceremony Hall here Wednesday evening by Riyadh Mayor Abdullah Al-Naim. The banquet was also attended by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, the

rector of King Saud University here; Dr. Abdullah Nassif, rector of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah; and other senior officials and pedagogists, as well as the ambassadors of the United States and France to Saudi Arabia.

Both delegations will meet Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and visit King Saud University; archaeological sites at Al-Der'eyyah; oil installations in the Eastern Province, Jeddah; the Pilgrimage Research Institute; King Abdul Aziz University, Taif; and other places. Taif Arts Society will give a folklore performance, and the U.S. and Greek embassies will give farewell receptions in their honor.

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|------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| Thursday         |        |         |        |        |          |       |
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| Dhuhr (Noon)     | 12:23  | 12:24   | 11:55  | 11:42  | 12:06    | 12:36 |
| Asr (Afternoon)  | 3:28   | 3:24    | 2:54   | 2:38   | 2:03     | 3:28  |
| Maghreb (Sunset) | 5:50   | 5:44    | 5:15   | 4:58   | 5:23     | 5:48  |
| Isha (Night)     | 7:20   | 7:44    | 6:45   | 6:28   | 6:53     | 7:18  |

## Riyadh radar monitor system safe, efficient

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Air traffic controllers at Riyadh Airport will start monitoring landings and take-offs by radar on Saturday, acting Civil Aviation Chief Said Youssef Amin said.

He said the new system would be safer and more efficient and would enable the airport to handle more air traffic than it does at present.

The radar network had been installed in accordance with the directives of Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, second deputy prime minister and minister of defense and aviation.

## Majed approves Taif SR40m water project

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — A SR40 million contract was signed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, who is also chairman of the Western Region Water and Sewage Authority.

The contract, awarded to a consulting firm, calls for supervision of the projects one, two and three of the Taif water, sewage, storm water drainage and re-use of sewage water program.

### With ministers' participation

## Saudi businessmen's parley slated in March

By Omar Basaddiq  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — The first conference for Saudi Arabian businessmen will be held in Dammam next March. Preparations are well under way according to the secretary-general of the Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce, under whose auspices the conference will be held.

Secretary-General Saleh Al-Tuaimy, who is also the general secretary of the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry told *Arab News* that "last week the preparatory committee of the conference held a meeting to discuss the agenda of the conference and other related issues."

While the meeting decided on the various papers to be submitted to the conference, it also issued a call to the various chambers of commerce in the Kingdom to start collecting information and ideas about the subjects which their "key members" want discussed, right away.

Tuaimy disclosed that a number of government ministers have been invited to the conference, particularly those connected with economic and business matters generally.

"In one way or the other," he said, "we want to create a sort of dialogue between them (the ministers) and the chambers."

The official said a clearer idea would emerge after the next meeting of the Preparatory Committee which is to be held in Dammam next Sunday. He said it would then be known what direction things are taking in relation to the conference.

Tuaimy described the recent meeting between the Minister for Finance and National Economy, Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil, and the chamber's contractors' committee as

"very encouraging" and said he was pleased with the outcome of the discussions.

The committee had met the minister to discuss the question of giving more opportunities to Saudi Arabian contractors, and the development of the contracting industry, in general in the Kingdom.

"One outcome of the meeting," explained Tuaimy, "was that the chamber has been assigned the responsibility of conducting a special study into the matter, and the preparation of the necessary papers is already underway."

Last week, the marketing seminar which was held by the Riyadh Chamber and which drew 38 participants — 30 of whom were Saudi Arabians — came to a close and drew favorable comment from those concerned.



Saleh Al-Tuaimy

## Civil service concern: boost output, right man for right job

By Javid Hassan  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — Boosting productivity in the government sector has been the main concern of the Civil Service Bureau, its secretary-general, Abdulrahman Al-Sedhan, told *Arab News*. "Toward this end," he said, "the bureau has been coordinating with other departments to search for better procedures for allocation of manpower and to try to put the system into a workable formula "so that the right man is assigned the right job."

Sedhan referred to a parallel effort being made by the Higher Committee for Administrative Reforms which is examining the existing regulations with a view to overhauling them, whenever necessary.

"Thus the task of optimizing productivity is not the concern of one agency alone but of many organizations that share the same concern," the secretary-general said. "This is the point very often made by the king, the crown prince and other executives in the government."

One of the ingredients of productivity, according to Sedhan, is harmony. The bureau has been constantly addressing itself to the goal of creating harmony between the manpower and the environment.

"If you have that equilibrium and that harmony, you end up with a higher rate of productivity. This is a long-shot goal, not something which we can buy in a store. It is a macro objective for us and everything else is

geared to achieving that objective."

Outlining the steps being taken toward this end, Sedhan said the board meets every week to review the progress already made and draw up future strategies. What facilitates the process, he said, is that some of the members of the bureau are also members of the Higher Council for Manpower Development and the Higher Committee for Administrative Reforms. This helps in better coordination of work.

The bureau also has a feedback system which allows it to monitor the progress made in this direction and determine the follow-up action that may be called for. Such administrative procedures make a parallel bar whose second component is the system of promotions and rewards for government employees with proven records of productivity. "But we have a long way to go and a long agenda ahead," Sedhan said.

## Energy research lab planned next year

DHAHRAN, Dec. 29 — An energy research laboratory will be established next year on a 7,285 square meter area in the Eastern Province, *Al-Madinah* reported. The laboratory will be housed in a four-story building and is expected to be of great use to the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran.

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## For exchange of POWs

## Kreisky arranges direct PLO-Israeli talks

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 29 (AP) — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said he arranged direct contacts between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel for an exchange of prisoners.

The PLO is known to hold eight Israeli prisoners behind Syrian lines in eastern Lebanon and Israel holds thousands of suspected commando prisoners.

Israeli officials declined comment on Kreisky's remarks, beyond repeating the official government position that "Israel has no direct contact with the PLO and never

will." But one Israeli official, who requested anonymity, said if there were any contacts "it is on a purely humanitarian level and should not be given any political significance."

In the Austrian radio interview Tuesday, Kreisky, currently vacationing on the Spanish island of Majorca, said families of Israeli prisoners captured in last summer's invasion of Lebanon had asked him to mediate for their release several weeks ago "with the knowledge of the (Israeli) government." Kreisky said the issue was "so delicate that I do not want to say anything more."

In an interview published Wednesday in

the Vienna daily *Kurier*, former Israeli parliamentary deputy Uri Avneri was quoted as saying a first meeting between PLO representative Issam Sartawi and an Israeli opposition politician had failed because Sartawi had turned him down "as sole conversation partner." The identity of the Israeli negotiator was not given in the interview.

Earlier, Abdullah Frangi, who heads the PLO offices in Bonn and Vienna, said the PLO had talked with Israeli representatives on a number of issues, including a possible exchange of prisoners.

seven persons (including the driver of the booby-trapped car) at the Iraqi News Agency building in Baghdad.

An underground "Iraqi Mujahideen Movement" claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Iraq held the Tehran regime responsible for the attack. A retaliatory missile attack three days later killed 62 persons and injured 300 others in the southern Iranian city of Dezful.

## U.S. aide discounts cut in Cairo aid

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (AP) — Peter McPherson, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said Wednesday he did not presently expect a cut in American assistance to Egypt next year.

"We believe in Egypt and its future," McPherson told reporters after meeting President Hosni Mubarak. "We believe that our aid program to this country could help its future." "This is, in fact, the largest single economic assistance program to any country we have in the world," he said.

In the last few years, aid to Egypt averaged about \$1 billion annually — about 750 million in project and commodity assistance and the rest for food supplies. There have been persistent reports that the U.S. Congress may reduce foreign aid and that the economy drive would affect Egypt.

Asked about the level of aid to Egypt in fiscal 1983-84, McPherson said: "The figures for FY (fiscal year) 84 are not yet public...and it is fully expected that the program next year will again be of a very substantial amount."

Asked specifically whether he expected a reduction, he replied: "There is no anticipated cut at this time."

## PLO-Syria to resolve differences

DAMASCUS, Dec. 29 (AP) — A Palestinian delegation, headed by Khaled Fahoum, chairman of the Palestine National Council, (parliament) met here with Abdallah Ahmwar, assistant secretary-general of Syria's ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party to discuss relations between Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Fahoum heads a special committee recently formed by the PLO in Tunis for a dialogue with Syria over the strained relations between the two sides.

Fahoum's delegation included Farouk Kaddoumi, chief of PLO's political department, and Muhammad Ghanem (Abu Maher) a member of the executive committee of Fatah, the main Palestinian commando group and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's representative in Damascus. Several party officials attended the meeting from the Syrian side.

The strain the relations between the PLO and Syria stemmed from Arafat's talks with King Hussein of Jordan over a plan for a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation within Mideast peace frameworks. Syria and radical factions within the PLO opposed the talks as a sellout of the Palestine cause.

Mediation by Libya's No. 2 leader Abdul Salam Jalloud and South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad to end the dispute have remained fruitless.

## Soviets flay U.S. role

MOSCOW, Dec. 29 (AP) — The Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* accused U.S. diplomats in Kabul of abusing their status to direct anti-government insurgents in Afghanistan.

In a sharp attack echoing similar allegations by the Moscow-backed government of Kabul, *Izvestia* claimed that U.S. diplomats "direct the hand of murderers, agent saboteurs and brutal bandits" operating in Afghanistan.

The U.S. Embassy in Pakistan Tuesday described as "without foundation" Radio Kabul's allegations that the U.S. embassy in the Afghanistan capital was a "nest of spies" channeling arms and ammunition to the Afghan insurgents.

## Abourezk rules out total pullout by Israeli forces

KUWAIT, Dec. 29 (AP) — Former U.S. Senator James Abourezk was quoted here Wednesday as saying that the current Israeli-Lebanese talks will not bring about a complete Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese territory.

"At best, Israel might accept a partial pull-back and insist on a Haddad republic in the 62-kilometer strip inside Lebanon," he told the newspaper *Al-Qabas* in an interview.

Abourezk was referring to Lebanese army renegade Maj. Saad Haddad who, with Israeli military backing, declared in recent years a "free Lebanon" republic in a narrow strip along Israel's northern flank.

"I think Israel will remain in southern Lebanon a long time," said Abourezk in the interview, published in Arabic. The former senator was in Kuwait at the invitation of an Arab-American committee combatting racial segregation, which he heads.

## U.K. to join MNF

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 29 (AP) — Britain informed the United Nations it was attaching an 80-man armored reconnaissance unit, currently based in Cyprus, to the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in Lebanon.

Britain thus becomes the fourth nation to join the force which comprises about 1,200 U.S. marines and 3,200 other troops from France and Italy.

British Ambassador Sir John Thomson, in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, said his government was responding to an official request from the Lebanese government and the unit was being withdrawn for three months from the U.N. Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

"The date of the unit's deployment and its precise functions remain to be agreed," Thomson wrote in the letter, dated Dec. 22 and released here on Tuesday. The unit's mission, he said, would be to assist in "the reestablishment of the authority of the Lebanese government."

## 2 Palestinians killed

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (AP) — Israeli troops killed two Palestinians who allegedly tried to infiltrate from behind Syrian lines in Lebanon to Israeli-held territory Monday, the military command said Wednesday.

A communique said Israeli shooting occurred near Kamed el Laouz in eastern Lebanon, in the same area where three Israeli officers were killed in a mine explosion a week ago, the communique said.



James Abourezk

"An Israeli military presence in southern Lebanon would be the only way to maintain Israel's allies in power in Beirut," the paper quoted him as saying.

He was obviously referring to the Christian Phalangist Party, which is led by Pierre Gemayel, father of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

"Even if the Israelis withdrew from Lebanon, they will do so only after planting stooges inside that country," *Al-Qabas* quoted Abourezk as saying. "The Phalangist militias are advancing in (Lebanon's) Chouf region at Israeli prodding." Chouf is stronghold for Lebanon's Druze militiamen, led by Socialist chieftain Walid Jumblatt.

The former senator from South Dakota was quoted as contending that the Mideast peace proposals put forward by U.S. President Ronald Reagan last September were "blueprinted to please U.S. Jews who sympathize with the (Israeli) Labor Party."

## Tel Aviv releases Egyptian prisoners

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (AP) — Israel has released another 10 Egyptians captured during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and is planning to free all Egyptians remaining in custody, a foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

He said the Israeli Embassy officially informed the foreign ministry about the release of the 10 Egyptians along with three Palestinian detainees.

The embassy also gave the ministry a list containing the names of 21 Egyptians still in captivity and said they also will be freed, the spokesman added. He gave no date.

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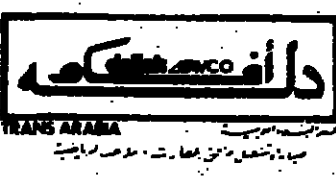
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## Fight to be intensified

## Salvador rebels plan mass recruitment drive

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 29 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas are calling 1983 "the year of massive recruitment" and military sources say the army plans to enlist 10,000 new soldiers as both sides predict intensified fighting in the three-year-old Salvadoran civil war.

Under the 1983 budget, more of the country's scarce resources will go to battling the estimated 6,000 to 8,000 rebels, whose current three-month-long offensive shows have demonstrated continued strength. The U.S.-backed Salvadoran government increased its 1983 defense budget about 10 percent to \$109 million, more than 12 percent of the total. The budget total was cut from \$900 million to \$832 million.

Part of the military allocation will go to increasing the armed forces strength from 33,000 to 43,000 military sources said. The guerrillas pledge to increase their own numbers by broadcasting on their clandestine Radio Venceremos. After months of fighting, guerrillas have improved their vulnerability in areas of the northern provinces of Chalatenango, San Miguel and La Unión where government security posts have been abandoned.

Government forces have not rebuilt some posts that were taken by the rebels and have abandoned others in some of the guerrillas' strongest areas. The rebels breeze through dozens of towns and villages in a 300 square mile area of northern La Unión Province that was free of major rebel activity until a month ago. Local sources say rebels have tried plans to recruit from the local peasantry but did not indicate how successful they were.

Western sources acknowledge the guerrillas have made small gains in their latest offensive, gaining ground from which to launch new attacks on population centers. At a recent news conference, the Salvadoran defense minister, Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia, announced new moves against the rebels. "Coming soon are decisive actions that will need the absolute collaboration of the Salvadoran people," Garcia said. "We've

decided it's time to take actions to put an end to all this that is happening."

Most Western observers say they are baffled by Garcia's comment, but one well-placed military source said the army will rely increasingly on intelligence rather than massive troop movements. "This year has been one of experimentation for the armed forces," said the source, who asked not to be identified for security reasons. "Intelligence decides everything in the war like this: brute force doesn't work."

In an intelligence overhaul, the army has installed secure communication lines to try to prevent wire tapping, he said. The army also will step up its attempt to isolate anti-government forces and involve the civil population in the counterinsurgency program, although how this will be done is not clear. The government continues to reject rebel calls for dialogue. In a year-end message Tuesday, Garcia urged guerrillas to lay down their arms. "There is still time to find a better road," he said. "The road to democracy is elections. I am sure they (guerrillas) will never get power through the use of arms."

One of about 50 U.S. non-combat military advisers here says questions over continued U.S. aid and obstacles to broader U.S. involvement in the counterinsurgency program, although how this will be done is not clear. The government continues to reject rebel calls for dialogue. In a year-end message Tuesday, Garcia urged guerrillas to lay down their arms. "There is still time to find a better road," he said. "The road to democracy is elections. I am sure they (guerrillas) will never get power through the use of arms."

To continue \$320 million in military and economic assistance to El Salvador, President Reagan's administration must certify every six months that El Salvador is making progress in human rights and economic reforms. The next certification is due Jan. 28. Guerrillas claim to have killed or wounded some 1,200 troops since Oct. 10. The government acknowledges 224 deaths during the period.

## Hitler had migraines, took cocaine

BONN, Dec. 29 (APF) — Adolf Hitler took cocaine, was almost always constipated and suffered from chronic migraines that forced him to take large numbers of painkillers and sleeping pills, according to a new book by West German historian Ottmar Katz.

The 400-page book, entitled *Professor Theo Morell, Hitler's Private Doctor*, also reveals that the Nazi leader had a violent dislike of medical examinations. He never undressed in front of Dr. Morell — although he saw the physician almost daily from 1936 until 1945 — and he never allowed his stomach to be X-rayed.

"I am not sick," or "I have never been sick," or "I should not be sick," Hitler often reacted to requests for check-ups, Katz wrote. Hitler relied on Dr. Morell more and more after the bomb attempt on his life in July, 1944, when the Nazi leader suffered from ear pains after the blast damaged his left eardrum.

After the failed bomb attack, his voice cracked, his skin became yellowish, his limbs swayed and he started suffering from insomnia, Katz said. But constipation and violent stomach cramps were what troubled him the most. His belly would often be "as bloated as a balloon and as hard as wood," and Dr. Morell would feed his patient up to a dozen pills a day to relieve the pain, Katz said.

He also gave injections to Hitler — "thousands during the nine-year span," Katz wrote — which were at first harmless shots of glucose and vitamins, then Eukodal, a painkiller almost as strong as morphine. Hitler discovered cocaine in the fall of 1944, Katz wrote, and would say "my head and my spirit become so clear" when under the influence of the drug.

The various types of medication Dr. Morell administered to Hitler apparently played a major part in the dictator's daily attitude, Katz wrote. But he denied the claim by Hitler's former architect Albert Speer that the doctor was wilfully drugging and "poisoning" his patient. "Morell was neither Hitler's Rasputin, nor a Stalinist agent, nor a charlatan," Katz wrote. "He was a conscientious family physician."

## Pulitzer wins divorce suit

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Dec. 29 (APF) — Millionaire Peter Pulitzer kept his twin five-year-old sons and his fortune in a divorce settlement pronounced by a court here Tuesday.

The 52-year-old Pulitzer, grandson of the press magnate who endowed the best-known American annual awards for excellence in journalism and the arts, was granted custody of the children after a rarely equalized scandal trial. His wife Roxanne, 31, was awarded a settlement of \$2,000 a month for a maximum of two years — to be cut off if she remarried before then. She was also allowed to keep jewelry with an estimated value of \$60,000 and a sports car, and was granted frequent visiting rights to see the children. Roxanne Pulitzer had sought half of her husband's fortune, which she put at \$25 million.

After hearings which included charges of drug use, adultery, sex perversion and incest, Palm Beach Circuit Judge Carl Harper ruled that Mrs. Pulitzer had been guilty of "flagrant acts of adultery and other gross marital misconduct." "The wife's exorbitant demands shock the conscience of this court," the judge said, adding that Roxanne's claims reminded him of a country-music lament "she got the gold mine. I got the shaft."

## Pictures show foreign subs in Swedish Bay

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 29 (AP) — Photographs of seabed impressions show at least two foreign submarines played hide and seek with the Swedish Navy during an all-out hunt in Stockholm's southern archipelago last October, news reports said Tuesday.

The navy now has definite evidence that foreign subs, possibly mini vessels, lurked in Hors Bay near Sweden's top secret naval base at Muskö Island. "48 kms south of here, the Swedish news agency TT said in an unattributed report. It said the evidence, navy pictures of seabed impressions in Hors Bay, would be turned over to an ongoing government investigation into the two-week episode.

A defense staff spokesman confirmed the existence of seabed photographs but would not discuss what they showed. Nor would he say whether they were taken by a navy underwater camera or by divers. During the hunt, Swedish Navy helicopters and warships dumped dozens of live depth charges into the Hors Bay area and set off several underwater mines in frustrated efforts to bomb the elusive intruders to the surface.

The government has not said so, but the subs were widely believed to come from the Soviet Bloc.

## 6 Rwandan refugees die daily in camps

KAMPALA, Dec. 29 (R) — An average of six Rwandan refugees die each day in a crowded refugee camp because of conditions there, the head of the Roman Catholic church in Uganda said here over the weekend.

Emmanuel Nsubuga said he had visited the camp on the Uganda-Rwanda border where 4,500 refugees are now living. He said the refugees told him they were ordered to leave their homes in southwest Uganda by local officials, and have been unable to cross into Rwanda because the border between the two countries is closed. Thousands of Rwandans have lived in Uganda since fleeing inter-tribal fighting in Rwanda more than 20 years ago.

Nsubuga appealed to the Ugandan government to organize relief food and medical supplies for the refugees.

## At Princeton University

## Scientists gear up for fusion tests

PLAINSBORO, New Jersey, Dec. 29 (AP) — Princeton University scientists, pleased that they successfully started an experimental nuclear fusion reactor, said Tuesday they plan to begin regular tests in April aimed at producing a useful source of energy.

The scientists said they hope their tests will lead to commercial generation electricity by nuclear fusion by the year 2020. Fusion is the forcing together of light atoms to produce heavier atoms and a release of energy. It is the opposite of fission, the process used by nuclear power plants in which heavy uranium atoms split apart to produce lighter atoms and a shower of energetic subatomic particles.

Princeton's Tokamak fusion test reactor operated successfully for 50 milliseconds barely a blink of an eye at 3:06 a.m. last

Friday in its first test as scientists worked overtime to complete their project. That first test produced no significant energy, but was described as "a magical event" by Harold P. Furth, director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, which built the \$314 million research reactor under a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The aim of the research is to produce a sustained reaction. Fusion reactors, like fission plants, would use heat energy to produce steam to drive the turbine generators that produce electricity. Princeton's reactor uses a Tokamak design, a type devised in the Soviet Union in 1950.

Furth said his group hopes to begin regular tests in April, slowly introducing changes such as different types of fuel. By 1986, Furth said, the group is confident they can reach the "break-even" point

when the fusion process will produce as much energy as the reactor consumes in the form of electricity for its magnets and other equipment. "By 2020, we could see serious commercialization start," Furth said.

The scientists touted fusion's advantages as an energy source that the hydrogen isotopes are extracted from ordinary seawater, and that it does not pose a major nuclear hazard because any accident would cause an immediate end of reactions and cooling. Fusion experiments have been conducted in many countries since the 1950s, but the Princeton scientists say their new facility is the first of its generation of Tokamak designs.

In the Tokamak, ionized hydrogen gas would be magnetically squeezed and heated in the cylinder, which has an inside diameter of 1.7 meters.

## Red Brigades crippled by strong blows

ROME, Dec. 29 (R) — Almost a year after U.S. Gen. James Lee Dozier was freed from a Red Brigades "people's prison", Italians are asking whether the police crackdown of 1982 has dealt a fatal blow to the leftist guerrilla group.

In the 11 months since the Brigades' air of invincibility was broken by the first rescue of one of its hostages, there has been a wave of arrests, confessions and defections, and no major action by the group whose self-styled war against the state has terrorized Italy for almost a decade. Police say some 450 alleged members of the Red Brigades or allied groups have been arrested this year — including six seized in Milan over the Christmas weekend — and 1,500 are in detention.

"We now have behind us a relatively long period without major terrorist actions and a series of heavy blows against the organization. Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni said in a newspaper interview this month. But he cautioned against optimism and added that it was too early to consider the Brigades spent force.

Only when the process of recruitment is broken — and there are signs that it is beginning to be — will it be possible to talk of the defeat of terrorism," Rognoni told the respected Milan daily *Corriere Della Sera*. With at least 10 murders attributed to the Brigades this year, over 250 leftist guerrillas still at large, and the wounds of a decade of violence far from healed, the reasons for his caution are clear.

But police and the interior ministry say 1982 has been the worst year for the Brigades

since they emerged as an armed force after the student activism of the late 1960s. The key to the blitz on the Brigades came last January when police freed Gen. Dozier, then senior American officer at NATO's south European land forces base in Verona, from a flat in the northern city of Padua after several days in detention.

This shattered the group's most ambitious operation since the 1978 kidnapping and murder of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro, broke its awesome mystique, and led to the crucial arrests of Brigades' leaders Antonio Savasta and Emilia Libera, who have not stopped talking to police since.

Acting on tip-offs from Savasta and Libera, and on a rich haul of documents found in the Padua flat and other hide-outs, police dealt devastating blows to the Veneto and Rome cells or "columns" of the Brigades in the following weeks.

The column based in the Veneto, the sprawl of farmland and industry around Venice, was responsible for the abduction and murder of chemicals executive Giuseppe Talicio last year and was regarded, like the Rome column, as one of the strongest.

Police have also made successful raids in the Milan "Walter Alasia" column, the Turin cell, and in the Naples area, where there was evidence of a bid to regroup after Gen. Dozier's release shattered the Brigades' northern organization.

Apart from Savasta and Libera, both 27, important Brigades' members captured this year include Vittorio Bolognesi, alleged

leader of the Naples column, the Rome-based ideologue Giovanni Senzani, and Natalia Ligas, wanted for the Moro killing.

All these operations, police say, have been helped by the success of the new "Pentiti" or repentants' law.

The new law has brought several important confessions. But it has also aggravated divisions within the movement, complicating efforts to regroup.

To the split between the militarist wing and the so-called "movement" wing, which stresses political objectives over violence, has now been added a poisonous atmosphere of mutual suspicion fostered by divisions between the "Pentiti" and the unrepentant, according to anti-terrorist police.

At the eight-month-old Moro trial, where 63 alleged Red Brigades' members are being tried for the killing of the Christian Democratic statesman and several public officials between 1977 and 1981, these splits have been symbolized by the appearance of repentants like Savasta and hardliners like Mario Moretti in separate, heavily-barred enclosures.

"One of the most encouraging signs is the constant increase in repentants and defections," Rognoni said.

Meanwhile, Rome Attorney General Franz Sesti has issued a statement this month saying the courts were booked up for months ahead with trials of suspected guerrillas, and it might be unconstitutional to hold some of them in provisional detention much longer.

## Bolivia to try ex-president for smuggling

LA PAZ, Dec. 29 (APF) — Exiled former Bolivian President Gen. Luis Garcia Meza will be prosecuted for smuggling, Bolivian Customs Director Carlos Montano said here Tuesday.

Some \$200,000 worth of radios, kitchen stoves, television sets and other electrical appliances had been found in a private warehouse owned by Gen. Garcia Meza, he said. The general, ousted in August last year, has also been accused of involvement in the lucrative cocaine smuggling trade in Bolivia.

Montano said that in 1980-81, two-thirds of all smuggling in Bolivia was run by members of the government. When the present leftist regime of President Hernan Siles Zuazo took power last Oct. 5, some 2,000 customs department jobs were abolished as part of a drive against corruption.

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## Japan wants Russia to return 4 islands

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (AP) — Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe said Wednesday there can be no "genuine friendly relations" with the Soviet Union until four Japanese islands occupied after World War II are returned.

"The Northern Territories issue is the most important issue between Japan and the Soviet Union, and unless that is solved no genuine friendly relations can develop between us. The recovery of the Northern Territories is the ultimate desire of the Japanese people, and there has been no change of thinking on that," Abe said, responding to a question at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan.

Tokyo has said the small islands — Habomai, Shikotan, Kunashiri, and Etorofu — must be returned to Japanese sovereignty, while Moscow has insisted there is no territorial issue to discuss.

## Namibia talks progressing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) — The U.S. State Department reaffirmed Tuesday its view that substantial progress has been made in negotiations for achieving independence and black majority rule in Namibia.

Department spokesman Alan Romberg offered the comment in response to a statement by the chief of South Africa's defense force, Gen. Constand Viljoen, that he does not expect his forces to be withdrawn from

A continuing Soviet military buildup on the four islands, located close to the northernmost main Japanese island, of Hokkaido, will require closer military cooperation between Japan and the United States, Abe said.

With MiG-21 fighters sighted at Soviet military installation on the northern islands, Abe said the United States will be allowed to base F-16 fighters at a U.S. base near Misawa, in northern Japan. The decision was announced recently.

Abe said the islands are an "inherent" part of Japan's territory and added that his country would like to resume negotiations on the issue with the new Soviet leadership. Japanese foreign ministers, he said, have gone to Moscow six times to discuss Soviet-Japan relations while Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has come to Japan only thrice. "It is his turn to come to Japan," Abe said.

Namibia in 1983, Romberg refused to say whether 1983 was a realistic target for a South African withdrawal.

He said the only significant unresolved issue centers on regional security. Once an agreement is reached on a withdrawal of Cuban forces in Angola, he said, it should be possible to move quickly toward granting independence to Namibia.

## Marilyn Monroe murder ruled out

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (R) — A three and a half month investigation by the Los Angeles county district attorney's office has concluded that there is no evidence to support allegations that actress Marilyn Monroe was murdered 20 years ago.

"Based on the evidence available to us, it

appears that her death could have been a suicide or come as a result of an accidental drug overdose," District Attorney (prosecutor) John Van de Kemp said Wednesday.

Responding to recent allegations that the actress may have died as a result of foul play, Van De Kemp said: "Our review has produced no substantiation for such a conclusion."

The body of the blonde Hollywood actress was discovered in her Los Angeles home by her housekeeper in the early hours of Aug. 5, 1962. The coroner's office concluded at the time that she had died of an overdose of barbiturates in a probable suicide. The district attorney's investigation.

The 29-page report dismissed allegations that there was a "red diary" which, a former coroner's aide claimed to have seen in 1962 as "inconsistent with evidence available at this time and not supported by credible corroborating evidence." Publicized reports from the purported diary suggested there was a conspiracy to kill Miss Monroe because of her alleged close relationship with the U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy and with President John Kennedy.

## Tramp had lordly life for 3 days

PORTSMOUTH, Dec. 29 (AP) — A tramp got locked in a department store in this English port city Christmas eve and spent three days living like a lord.

During his stay at a downtown Woolworth's, the man helped himself to the store's large selection of food and drink, a company spokesman said Tuesday.

At night, he slept in a bed he made from the store's large selection of pillows and blankets. The staff found the man asleep when they opened for business Tuesday morning. He was still into the Christmas cheer by the look of him, and the police took him away.

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**HOTEL FIRE:** Fire rages out of control at Kumho Tourist Hotel in Taegu, Korea's second largest city south of Seoul, Wednesday. At least 10 persons were killed and 15 injured by the fire which was brought under control after one hour.

## 83 Chinese convicted for abduction

PEKING, Dec. 29 (AP) — Courts in Southwest China have sentenced 83 persons this year for abducting and selling women and children, humiliating the victims and ruining families, a radio station reported.

Some cases led to suspicion among neighbors, "resulting in fighting and killing," Sichuan radio said without elaboration. A transcript of the broadcast, made last Friday, was seen in Peking Wednesday. "Since last year, under the pretext of recruitment of workers, tours and matchmaking, a small number of criminals in some places in Daxian Prefecture have deceived and seduced a small number of girls, married women, girls who are under age and students who attend school outside the province and have sold them in faraway places," it said.

Rural bachelors and childless couples have been reported as buyers in such cases. "Some criminals first have illicit relations with the deceived women and girls, then sell them and indiscriminately humiliate them so that the victims are seriously ruined both physically and mentally."

The broadcast said 83 persons had been sentenced in 68 cases between January and October in the prefecture, a district of several counties, but gave no details of the sentences. The report follows a Communist Party directive last week to take "stern measures" against those involved in such crimes.

Earlier this month, the national newspaper

*Guangming daily* reported the abduction of a two-year-old boy from Sichuan to North China's Hebei province.

The boy was snatched while playing on the street by a man who sold him for \$5 to a regular "trafficker in humans" who sold him for \$225 to a peasant family in Hebei, the paper said.

## Taipei jails women for selling kids

TAIPEI, Dec. 29 (AP) — The Taipei District Court has sentenced two women to life imprisonment and 39 other persons to jail terms in connection with a scheme to sell infants and children to foreigners, a court spokesman said Wednesday.

The sentences were handed down Tuesday by the court, which found Chu Li-Ching, 31, and Chin Shu-hua, 45, guilty of masterminding the ring which sold at least 38 babies to persons in Australia, the United States, West Germany, France and Sweden. The sales of children, aged 2 to 6 years old, occurred between 1979 and March 1982.

Mrs. Chu and her husband, Lin Wen-Chung, who received a 10-year sentence, set up a trading company to process the transactions, and Mrs. Chin helped the couple by advertising in newspapers that she wanted to adopt babies, the court said.

Others found to have been involved by posing as adoptive parents, acting as babysitters while the babies awaited flights to foreign countries or obtaining false birth certificates were given prison sentences ranging from six months to 12 years. The babies were sold for an average of \$4,000 each.

## Japanese fingerprint rule irks foreigners

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (AP) — Civil disobedience is not a popular means of protest among Japanese, who place high value on harmony, conformity and respect for authority. But a growing number of foreigners are using that tactic to resist the country's alien registration law, which they say violates their rights.

As many as 29 foreigners — 25 Koreans, three Americans and a West German — have refused to be fingerprinted for alien registration documents which all foreign residents are required by law to carry. They face a year in prison and a fine of \$800 if convicted. The foreigners argue that the law requiring aliens who live in Japan for more than a year to be fingerprinted is discriminatory and, denigrating. Among Japanese citizens, they point out, only criminals are fingerprinted.

What began several years ago as isolated protests by a few individuals has recently developed into a tiny uprising, with 22 of the 29 protesters joining the fight this year. The government, apparently determined to stop the movement, has indicted 11 persons, including a 15-year-old Korean girl. Two cases have gone to court so far, officials said. "We cannot tolerate violation of the law," said a justice ministry official who asked not to be identified. "Why must they break the law to demonstrate their views?"

The answer lies partly among Japan's Korean minority, who account for more than 650,000 of the country's 800,000 alien residents in a total population of about 118 million.

Many Korean residents are offspring of workers brought to Japan in a forced labor program during World War II. Until recently, alien residents were denied most social welfare benefits provided to Japanese citizens, and Koreans complain of continued discrimination in employment, education and marriage. Strict immigration laws prevent aliens — even those born in Japan — from becoming naturalized citizens without adopting a Japanese name. "This means that you have to get rid of your ethnic identity," said Ronald Fujiyoshi, a 42-year-old Japanese-American missionary working with Korean residents in Western Japan. "And that's a violation of human rights."

Fujiyoshi, on trial in Kobe District Court for refusing to be fingerprinted, said the alien registration law is used by the authorities of "control the Korean community." Aliens are required to carry registration papers — small pocket-sized booklets — at all times.

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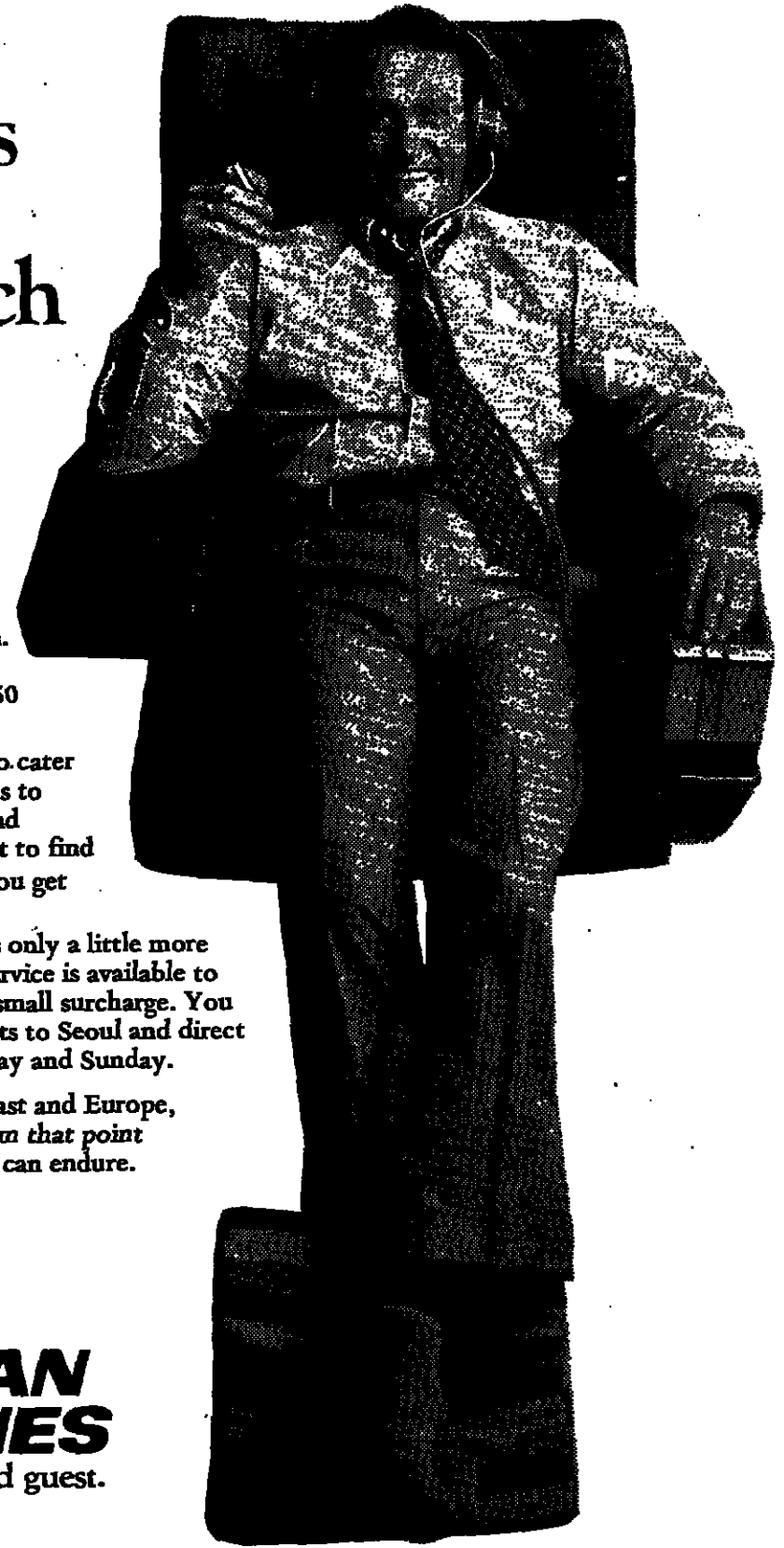
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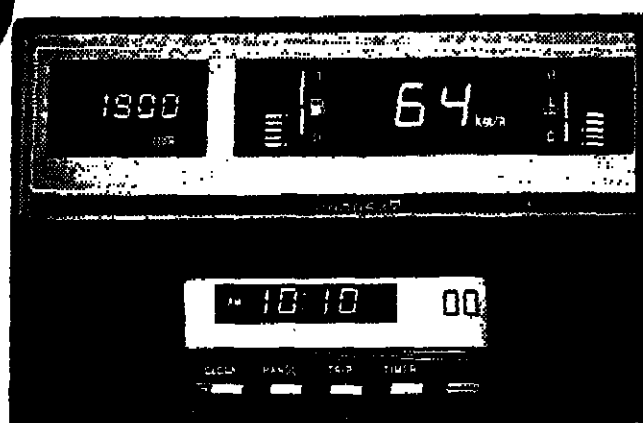
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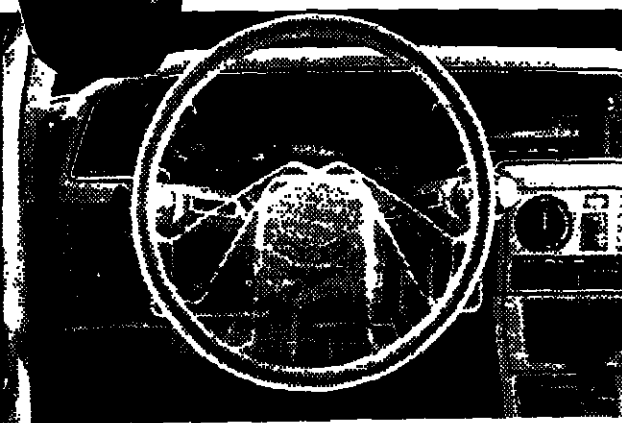
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## MISINFORMATION

Western media, particularly those in the U.S., have been floating around the utterly absurd notion that India might some day decide to bomb and destroy Pakistan's nuclear reactor to prevent that country from developing nuclear weapons.

India has scoffed at the notion and ridiculed those who are perpetrating it. It has gone to the extent of admitting that its air force does not have the right weapons to penetrate and demolish the reactor which is built deep underground.

Besides, India was one of the strongest critics who condemned the Israeli raid on Iraq's nuclear research center which resulted in its complete destruction. The Iraqi center was also built deep underground but Israel had U.S. bombs and rockets which could reach it. It also had advanced U.S. aircraft which could do the job almost unopposed and return to base safely across more than one Arab country. India is no international bandit and it would be inconceivable that any Indian government would even contemplate such a disastrous course of action. India has already developed nuclear weapons of its own and its nuclear technology is much more advanced than Pakistan's.

However, the newspapers and the unidentified Pentagon sources which inspired the speculation have had different purposes in mind. They have been irked by the growing Indo-Pakistani amity which received a healthy boost during the brief stopover in New Delhi of President Zia who is striving for better relations with India. With China and the Soviet Union showing growing interest in improving relations, the U.S. is getting worried about the new polarization in that part of the world. So why not besmirch Pakistan's relations with India and sour them if possible through such malignant misinformation? At the same time why not arouse Arab suspicions of Indian motives knowing the Arabs' profound affinity with Pakistan? There is yet another aim behind the misinformation. It is to show the world that, after all, Israel is not the only international bandit which destroys nuclear reactors of other states. India might do it, so why single out Israel for the dubious distinction of banditry on this scale.

## Saudi Arabian press review

**Okaz** Wednesday deplored the malicious Zionist press campaign to damage the current Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue on the Middle-East conflict. It welcomed the forthcoming meeting between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan to discuss the outcome of the Jordanian monarch's recent talks with President Ronald Reagan in Washington. The paper described the Arafat-Hussein meeting as "very important in view of the crucial stage facing the Arab nation."

The paper urged the U.S. to put an end to Zionist transgression and Israel's repeated rejection of all efforts and initiatives designed to bring about a peaceful and just settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

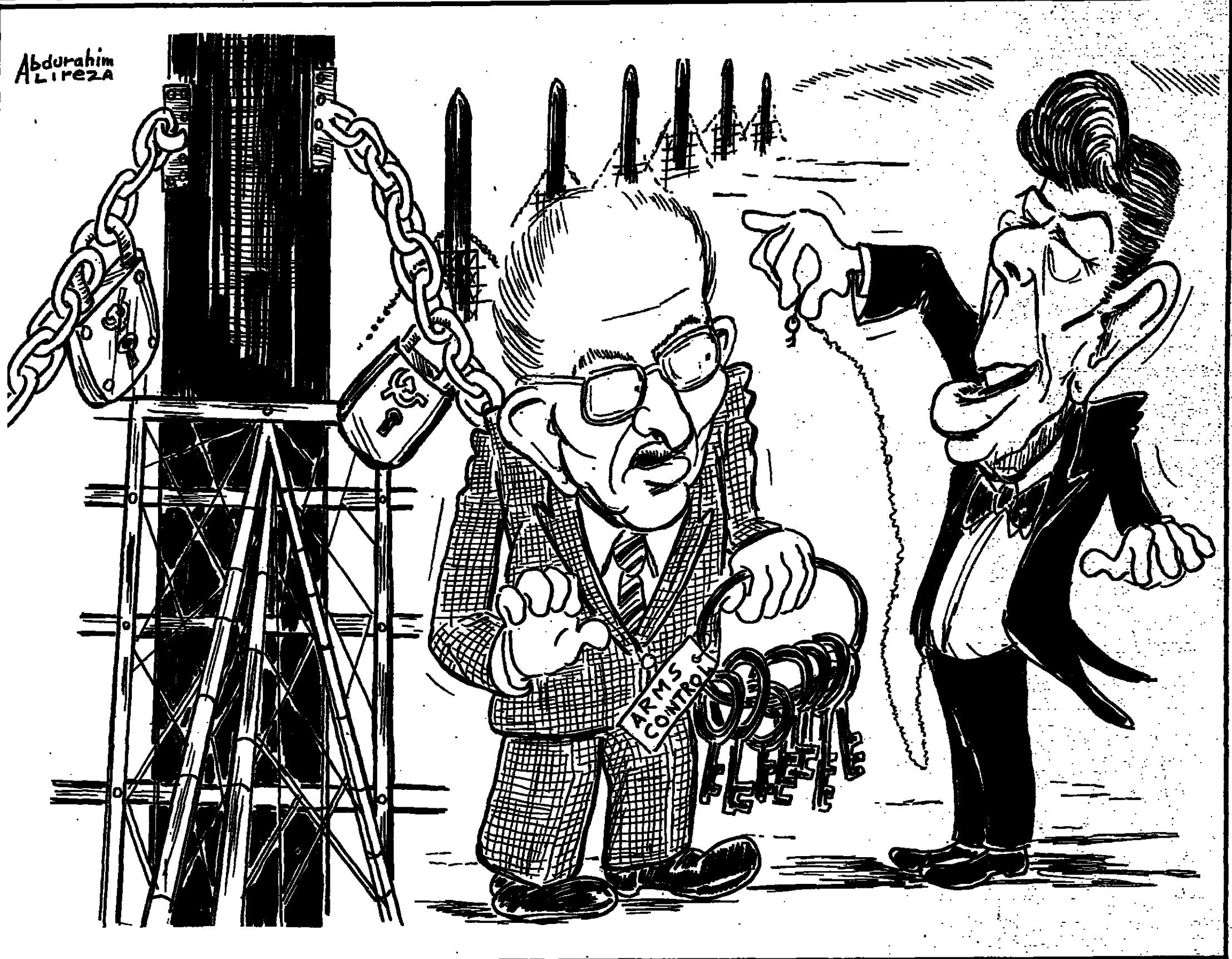
Commenting on the current tripartite talks in K'hale to ensure foreign troops pull out of Lebanon, **Al-Yom** said the Zionist enemy had tried several times to "delay the withdrawal negotiations in order to prolong its stay in the country and ultimately impose unacceptable conditions on the Lebanese people to realize its expansionist ambitions in the area." The paper called on the Lebanese people and the government to preserve the country's sovereignty, adhere to its Arab character and not to sign a separate peace treaty with the Zionist entity.

**Al-Madinah** praised Saudi Arabia's pioneering role in support of Arab and Islamic causes. The paper also welcomed King

Fahd's remarks during his meeting with Saudi ulama (Islamic scholars) in Riyadh that he had found an Islamic renaissance in Arab countries and much respect for the Kingdom's strict adherence to the Islamic Sharia (divine law). It called on Muslims throughout the world to abide by the sublime faith of Islam since the Islamic world had achieved its might and glory only by its strict adherence to the Holy Qur'an and the Prophet's teachings.

**Al-Bilad** said the Kingdom's leadership had always shown its readiness to back Arab and Islamic issues and safeguard the Islamic world's interests due to the Kingdom's political and historic responsibility at Arab, Islamic and international levels. The paper said the Saudi Monarch's optimism about developing Arab and Islamic collective strength would greatly help the Islamic world in achieving its aspiration and goals. **Al-Jazirah** welcomed King Fahd's remarks at Monday's cabinet meeting that Muslim leaders be met during his current visit abroad had shown their readiness to work hand-in-hand for Arab and Islamic issues, especially the Palestinian cause. The paper called on Arab and Islamic countries to work sincerely to devise joint Arab action which, it said, was the only way to recover usurped Arab rights.

**Al-Riyadh** praised King Fahd's concern for Arab and Islamic issues and his keenness at the same time to ensure the welfare of the Saudi people. (SPA)



## Germans worried over U.S. plan for base in Britain

By Tony Catterall

COLOGNE — The implications of the American decision to build a new European command headquarters in Britain as a fall-back position in the event of war are beginning to worry West Germans. It is being said that while the Americans are prepared to build up their nuclear missiles in Europe — and particularly in West Germany — they do not have the confidence to remain here themselves if a crisis comes.

Comments by both American and German spokesmen designed to allay worries have, if anything, increased them. The issue is raising doubts about the whole strategy for the country's defense, which is based on the idea of stopping Warsaw Pact forces near the border: the so-called forward defense strategy. It is suggested the decision means one of two things: either the Americans consider that the present headquarters near Stuttgart would be quickly overrun; or that it might be knocked out by nuclear missiles.

The second case has revived fears which surfaced earlier this year, that the Americans are planning for a limited nuclear war in Europe: why else is it necessary for the new headquarters to be "hardened", that is, able to withstand a missile attack?

Either way, it is an unwelcome embarrassment for the government as the run-up begins for an election in which the stationing of American cruise and Pershing II missiles here will be one of the major issues. According to the opposition Social Democrats, former Chancellor Schmidt had been told of the decision early in the year, and opposed it strongly. As the reaction has shown, he had good reason.

If forward defense is thought to be unrealistic by the Americans, why should the population at large believe in it? And if it is unrealistic, then war means devastation for most, if not all, of the country. With a strong neutralist streak in the left wing of the SPD and further shown in the country by what seems to be a solid core of around six percent of the vote for the Greens, these are questions which supporters of

NATO cannot afford to have discussed.

Defense Minister Manfred Woerner took advantage of an error in the first reports of the decision — in *The Guardian* newspaper in London, which reported that the U.S. command HQ was to be moved within four years in its entirety — to say they were "intentionally false." In a sense, it would have been better for the government if that report had been correct: the Americans have been saying for some time that the Stuttgart facility is "unacceptable from a military standpoint" in time of war.

But by keeping the installation there during peace time while being prepared to move many of its functions in a crisis, they have got the worst of both. There has been an attempt in the press to present the move as a reaction to German anti-Americanism, with unnamed German and American "military experts" being quoted as saying that U.S. soldiers are physically in danger of their lives.

On the day that one such article appeared, it was given a kind of credence by the discovery of bombs in two cars owned by American servicemen.

Such speculation is, however, officially discounted. Both the American embassy and the West German Defense Ministry point out that the Stuttgart HQ is only one of many, and that in any case there is no thought of moving all its functions even in wartime, let alone in peacetime. However, it is significant that the decision to build a fall-back facility in Britain has coincided with the rise of the strongly neutralist Green party.

The possibility of the Greens holding the balance of power in the next federal parliament has been apparent for most of the year. In such an event, West Germany could become an unreliable ally for anyone who sees the world in terms of NATO versus the Warsaw Pact. When the U.S. decision was made, no election was expected until 1984, by which time the issue would have died down.

But with the exposure of it now, only three months before the early election caused by the new government's desire to legitimise itself, the Greens have been handed a tailor-made vote-catcher. (ONS)

## Concern grows over Cuban links after Surinam purge

By Walter Ellis

AMSTERDAM — Fears are growing in Washington that the military purge in Surinam could lead to a closer identification of the former Dutch colony with Communist Cuba.

Holland has suspended aid to Surinam in protest against a wave of executions, and the regime may turn in desperation to other sources of help. Such a development, with its potential for the expansion of Cuban influence on the South American mainland, would cut across U.S. policy toward its southern neighbors. President Ronald Reagan, like his predecessors, attaches much importance to maintaining Latin America within the Western orbit.

George Shultz, the U.S. Secretary of State, has already discussed the matter with Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch premier, and American officials have spoken of anxiety in Washington about a potential Cuban connection.

On Dec. 8, groups of armed men, identified by eye-witnesses as soldiers loyal to Surinam's military

strong man, Lt. Col. Dési Bouterse, burned the offices of the country's leading trade union, Moederbond, two privately-run radio stations and a leading newspaper. All four institutions had been critical of the regime. A number of prominent opponents of the armed forces — numbering between 17 and 40 — were arrested and shot dead.

Bouterse said later the men had been shot while attempting to escape from prison, but the Dutch government, which has watched events in Surinam with increasing alarm, has referred consistently to "executions." Strikes and demonstrations were held over a period of days but reports from diplomats in Paramaribo, the capital, and from visitors returning to Holland indicate that these had largely fizzled out by the early part of this week. Ordinary people were said to be too frightened to continue their protests against the killings.

Bouterse has wielded power in Surinam since staging a coup in 1980. Twice he has installed largely civilian administrations to work with him, but on both occasions, the latest this month — he has forced these governments out of office and

resumed full control. He said immediately after the latest deaths that his soldiers had acted only to prevent a counter-coup by the "rich economic elite", a claim that is entirely discounted in Holland.

The colonel did put down an ineffectual coup attempt in February, subsequently executing one of his previous close army colleagues for alleged treason. He is a socialist by conviction, maintaining, however, that he wants to establish a regime in Surinam which owes allegiance to neither East nor West. Surinam, wedged between Guyana and French Guiana on the north-east coast of South America, is one of the world's poorer countries. Its population of 350,000 depends largely on aid from Holland and exports of bauxite and coffee. Now much of that income has gone. Lubbers said he could not allow Holland to be identified with the Paramaribo regime and immediately suspended all financial aid.

The scale of the loss is considerable. When Surinam became independent in 1975, The Hague promised a total of 3.5 billion guilders over a 10-year period — about \$1.3 billion in today's terms.

## Italy plays major role in foreign policy

By John Winn Miller

ROME — For years, Italy was considered the "little brother" of NATO and had a hard time being taken seriously on the international scene. But that's changed.

Suddenly, Italy is dispatching peacekeeping forces all over the Middle East, leading the United States' European alliance in supporting NATO's plan to install new missiles and becoming what one U.S. official called "America's No. 1 friend in Europe."

That is a drastic change from a foreign policy that former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger once called an "eternal illusion" but seem designed only to give Italian politicians a chance to have their pictures taken at airport receptions. "Our illusions are less grand now," said one foreign ministry official who following standard Italian procedure asked not to be identified by name. "Our foreign policy, which was once viewed by one as whimsical, is being perceived as responsible and consistent."

U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib reaffirmed that opinion on a recent trip to Florence in which he praised Italy and France for sending peacekeeping troops to end the fighting in Lebanon between Israel and Palestinian commandos.

"The contribution of Italy to the restoration of at least some modicum of tranquility in Lebanon... has been invaluable," Habib said. "Without France and Italy, the U.S. would not have been able to play the role it has played."

Italy's 1,500-man peacekeeping force in Beirut is

only the latest policing action in the Middle East. It also has a medical corps with UNIFIL, the U.N. force in Southern Lebanon, and minesweepers patrolling off the Sinai to ensure peace between Israel and Egypt.

For years Italy's attempts to influence foreign affairs were hindered by its revolving door governments, well-publicized battles with terrorism and staggering internal problems. It also was difficult for some Western powers to consider Italy a reliable partner because of the fear of participation in the government by the Communist Party, the largest in the Western world and Italy's second largest party behind the Christian Democrats.

That attitude was reflected when U.S. President Jimmy Carter left Italy out of a summit meeting of Western leaders in Gualdope in 1979 — a slight that still rankles Italian diplomats. But what seemed to have escaped notice was that despite its problems, Italy developed into the sixth largest industrial power in the world and the fourth largest arms producer.

Unlike the United States, Italy has a close and prosperous relationship with Libya. It is also on friendly terms with Israel and most Arab powers. And it negotiated a neutrality pact with the strategic Mediterranean island-nation of Malta that helped deny the country's ports to the Soviet Union's navy.

Most observers agree that the change of roles started in 1979, when Italy became the first country to agree to accept 112 U.S.-built Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles. NATO wants to station 372 of the

missiles in five European countries to counter Soviet SS-20 series medium-range nuclear missiles in Soviet Europe.

At the same time it accepted the missiles, however, Italy insisted that Washington begin serious negotiations with the Soviet Union on nuclear arms reductions. The demands by Italy and the other NATO members led to the arms talks at Geneva.

Italy also has increased in importance because the socialist government in Greece and Spain have said they are reviewing their commitments to NATO. That leaves Italy as the only secure base in the Mediterranean for the alliance. Another major step, diplomats say, was the Venice summit of the 10 European Economic Community foreign ministers in June 1980 under the chairmanship of Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo.

The Venice declaration that resulted from the meeting was Europe's first unified demand that "the Palestine Liberation Organization should be associated" with an overall peace settlement in the Middle East. "The declaration provided a bridge between the Camp David peace accords and Arab disappointment with the Israel-Egypt peace," the foreign ministry official said. "It also showed Italy was capable of bringing imagination and responsibility to foreign policy."

Italy's best weapon, most observers agree, is President Sandro Pertini, the tough-talking 86-year-old socialist who took office in 1978. His reputation for integrity and forthrightness has done much to restore prestige to the scandal-plagued and once ceremonial office.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 1982. There is one day left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1758 — French forces advance against Madras in India.

1777 — On death of Maximilian III, Bavaria passes to Charles Theodore, elector palatine.

1803 — Scindia of Gwalior submits to British in India.

1886 — German-Portuguese agreement on boundaries between Angola and German South-West Africa.

1903 — More than 500 persons perish in theater fire in Chicago, Illinois.

1911 — Revolutionary Provisional Assembly in China elects Dr. Sun Yat-sen as nation's first president.

1947 — Kashmir conflict between Indians and Pakistanis is referred to United Nations.

1949 — France transfers sovereignty to Vietnam.

1958 — French African states decide to form federation within French community.

1964 — U.N. Security Council resolves to call for end to all foreign intervention in the Congo, a ceasefire there and withdrawal of mercenaries.

1979 — Reports from Afghanistan say Soviet forces are jamming highways leading toward Afghan capital, while newspaper reports said that newly-arrived Soviet troops are battling with Afghan freedom fighters.

1981 — Pope John Paul II expresses "anxiety" over fate of those arrested by martial law regime in his native Poland.

Thought for today:

No companion of mine should convey to me anything unpleasant concerning another, for I desire when I meet a person, my mind should be clear with regard to everyone. — Prophet Muhammad.



# Scandals make 1982 a difficult year for British royal family

By Michael West

LONDON (AP) — Palace security scandals, a prince's uncourtly romance and gossip about the total marriages made 1982 a bumpy year for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and her family.



**INTRUDER:** Michael Fagan who intruded into the bedroom of Queen Elizabeth II in Buckingham Palace.

The June 21 birth of Prince William, son of heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles and Princess Diana, and the Sept. 17 safe arrival home from the Falklands of the queen's 22-year-old helicopter pilot son Prince Andrew were the happiest royal events.

But 1982 was also the year of the intruder who dripped blood on the queen's bed, the resignation of the monarch's personal bodyguard following a scandal, and the romance of Andrew and movie actress Koo Stark.

Drifter Michael Fagan 30, created a sensation when the queen woke to find him sitting on her bed at Buckingham Palace on July 9, dripping blood from a cut hand and holding a broken ashtray. He chatted with her for 10 minutes before help arrived. A police inquiry said he originally intended to slash his wrists while she watched. It was his second break-in at the palace in five weeks. Fagan's family said he claimed he was in love with the 56-year-old monarch.

On Oct. 12 he began an indefinite stay at a top-security hospital in northwest England after psychiatrists told London's Old Bailey central criminal court that Fagan was mentally ill and a danger to the queen.

A Scotland Yard report blamed police laxity at the palace for Fagan's incredible exploit, and security at all royal residences was tightened.

On July 19, the second major security scandal broke at the palace when Commander Michael Trestrail the queen's Scotland

Yard bodyguard, resigned after admitting to the veracity of the things being spread about him.

Prince Andrew's eight-day October vacation with 25-year-old American film actress Koo Stark on the Caribbean island hideaway of Mustique made news around the world.

Buckingham Palace refused to comment on a report the queen was "in a rage." After the British Broadcasting Corp. televised a film clip of Miss Stark, cameramen descended on Mustique and Andrew called short his vacation, returning home alone and stony-faced.

It wasn't the first time photographers spoiled a royal holiday. Buckingham Palace complained bitterly in February about photographs of Diana in a bikini taken while the pregnant princess and her husband were getting some sun in the Bahamas. The pictures appeared in two British papers, the *Sun* and the *Daily Star*.

There was more trouble in September when the *Sun* published private royal family photographs taken 18 years ago showing the queen in bed at Buckingham Palace.

Year-end headaches for the royal family centered on rumors of rocky marriages. Princess Diana, 21, who married Charles — 13 years her senior — on July 29 last year in what was described as a fairytale romance, said last month that "married life is wonderful."

But gossip columnist Nigel Dempster of the *Daily Mail* on Nov. 30 quoted friends of Charles as saying the amount of time he spent away from his wife indicates the marriage has run into problems. Dempster also claimed the trouble stems from their age differences and Diana's lack of interest in fox hunting and outdoor sports. The Buckingham Palace declined comment.

Earlier in the month, newspapers spotted the princess refusing food at a luncheon. Speculation began that she was suffering from the slimmer's disease. "Leave her alone, for God's sake," exploded an exasperated palace spokesman. "She is looking fit and well and has been in sparkling form."

Speculation that the nine-year marriage of Charles' 32-year-old sister Princess Anne to Mark Phillips is on the rocks has been rife since 1981. Phillips, 34, in July dismissed the rumors as "rubbish" but they continued, fueled by the long spells the couple spend apart. Reports that Anne has become jealous of the attention lavished on Diana, especially after the birth of Prince William, did little to remove Anne's poor public image.

Anne was in political hot water when she stopped for 90 minutes at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport Oct. 24 during an African tour as president of the Save Children's Fund. Critics said she appeared to condone South Africa's apartheid policy.

But there was one cheery bit of news for the House of Windsor. On July 3 a member of parliament and that too a well-known royal biter, Willie Hamilton, married a staunch monarchist-63-year-old widow, Margaret Cogle.

## Panama Canal becoming just a tourist attraction

By Susan Morgan

PANAMA CANAL (LOS) — Wrestling control of the canal zone from the "Yankee imperialists" was the chief goal of Gen. Omar Torrijos, the charismatic Panamanian strong man who died in a plane crash last year. Inevitably this created friction with the Yankees, who then as now have 10,000 troops stationed in the zone, both to protect the waterway and, increasingly, to train the troops of Latin American allies.

With joint U.S.-Panamanian control and administration of the canal finally assured until the end of the century under 1977 Carter-Torrijos agreements, it might be reasonable to suppose Panama could sit back and watch money from canal tolls roll in.

Not so, for the canal, which made engineering history when it was built at the beginning of the century, at huge human and financial sacrifice, is in danger of becoming just a tourist and history book attraction, despite record \$320 million earnings this year.

The problem is lack of capacity. Although most analysts believe the canal can survive in its present form until the late 1990s, they know that improvements will be vital after that to keep pace with competition from other forms of transport. Hence the urgency with which Panamanians are studying the problem.

They are irked by the lack of American interest in helping with development, but then less than 6 percent of U.S. maritime traffic passes through the canal (though from Panama's viewpoint, this represents 62 percent of all traffic).

The 50-mile-long canal's two main problems both relate to its capacity. The three main locks, which raise ships a total of 85 ft. above sea level, can only accommodate vessels of up to 67,000 tons. Current energy costs mean it is cheaper for bulk cargo vessels of up to 250,000 tons to take the longer route round the Cape with some cargoes.

The second problem concerns the number of ships the canal can handle. In the 1970s, as traffic increased, severe bottlenecks became common, with queues of up to 180 ships waiting for up to a week.

As a result of "the chill that passed through the industry," to quote Dennis McAuliffe, the canal administrator, capacity has been raised to around 43 ships a day. At the same time, congestion is being relieved by the new Panamanian oil pipeline to the west of the canal.

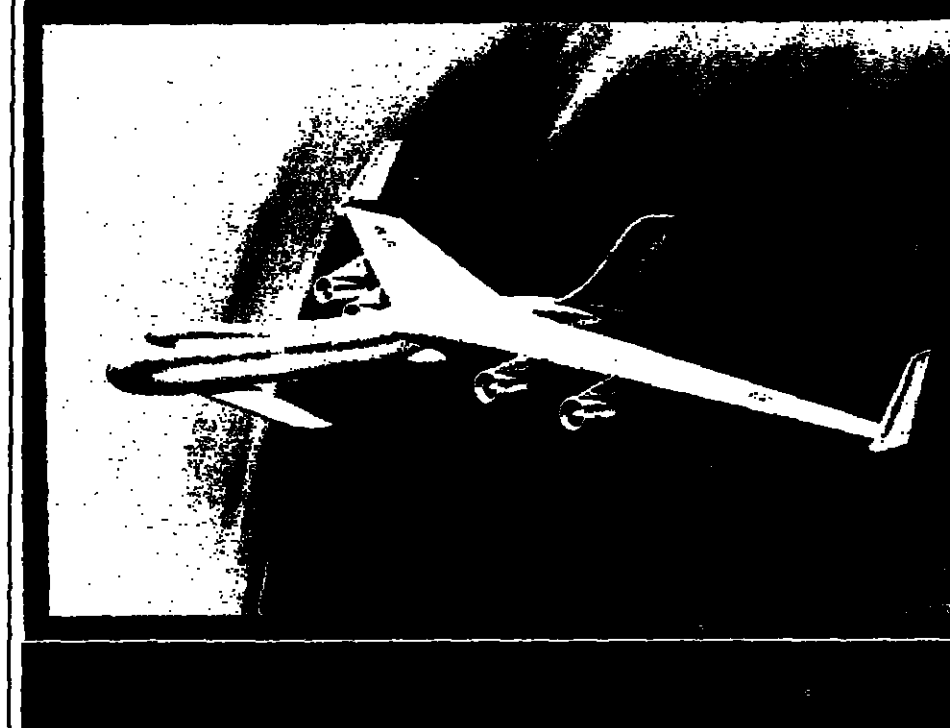
Panamanian analysts believe these measures will enable the canal to keep pace with the competition for another 12 years or so. From then on, new answers will be needed.

One group, to which McAuliffe belongs, says the best and cheapest solution is simply to expand the canal. This would require two new and larger sets of locks at the Atlantic and Pacific terminals, and widening and straightening of the so-called Gaillard Cut (often dubbed "the Snake"). The cost would be between \$2 billion and \$3 billion but would enable it to take vessels of up to 170,000 tons, putting it on a par with the Suez Canal.

The more daring solution is to build an entirely new sea-level canal 10 miles west of the present one at a cost of over \$40 billion. The main advocates of this option are the Japanese, who are the canal's second largest user. Teams of Japanese are constantly in and out of Panama promoting the scheme and putting pressure on the U.S. to offer support.

But there are problems quite apart from the cost, according to marine biologists studying the effects of a sea-level link between Pacific and Atlantic. One is that the yellow bellied sea serpent (described as not terribly dangerous) could turn up on Miami beaches.

The new oil pipeline will siphon off some \$60 million a year in revenues. Another challenge is Mexico's railway "land bridge" for moving containers from coast to coast.



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## Struggle for life begins at age 5 in Brazil

By Kenneth Freed

SAO PAULO, Brazil (LAT) — There is little joy to childhood in Brazil — little time for play, for study, for growing up. Childhood is a time for work. From heavy industry to food production, the Brazilian economy, the eighth largest in the world, is built in large part on the labor of children.

For tens of millions of children in this country of 122 million, the business of economic survival begins at age 5, sometimes younger. Statistics, academic studies and experiences reported by children give strong support to the conclusion that life for most ordinary Brazilian children is one of work, exploitation, degradation and sometimes virtual slavery.

According to the government's 1980 census, children between the ages of 10 and 17 make up almost 13 percent of the total Brazilian labor force. In the countryside, where farm work is still done largely by hand under harsh and primitive conditions, more than 8 percent of the rural labor force is between 10 and 14 years old, while those 15 to 17 make up an additional 17 percent. The situation grows steadily more serious. A partial census conducted earlier this year reports that half of all Brazilian children over the age of 10 work.

Those statistics are admittedly incomplete, however. Studies by various private universities, research institutions and the Roman Catholic church indicate a situation far worse.

Rosa Maria Fischer Ferreira is a sociologist at the University of Sao Paulo and author of a 1979 book called *Meninos da Rua*, or "Children of the Street." She found that Brazil has an estimated 55 million "marginalized" children — that is, children living in substandard conditions, either alone or with families unable to properly feed, clothe or educate them. A large portion of Brazil's growing population is under the age of 15.

Of these 55 million — 80 percent or about 44 million children — have gone into the

streets to work by the time they are 5 years old. Fischer said. Lia Junqueira, a lawyer and founder of the Sao Paulo Movement in Defense of Minors tells of a 3-year-old girl who goes into the streets of Sao Paulo's flower-market district each night at 10 O'clock to sell flowers. "Her mother sends her out there every night," Junqueira said, "because she has no other way to get the money for food. It is not uncommon." The little girl makes about 100 cruzeiros a night, less than \$3 a week.

Thirteen miles north of Sao Paulo lies the

shabby city of Itimbu, a center of brick-making because there are large clay deposits nearby. It is the home of Agenor Dos Santos Costa, his wife and 10 children.

One of them, the 8-year-old Anita gets out of bed at 3 a.m. with the rest of the family and starts making bricks.

While Santos Costa and his older children mix the clay with water, Anita fills the molds, cuts away the excess, knocks the bricks from the molds, puts them out to dry and then shoves them into the oven.

It is hot, heavy and hard work, not the

ordinary task of a tiny 8-year-old. And it goes on, with a single break, until noon.

About an hour's drive west of Sao Paulo is Ferraz, a working-class city housing thousands of unemployed men and women whose children work in the many glass factories nearby. Of Sao Paulo state's 23,000 glass workers, almost 9,000 are under 17, some no more than 10. According to the Sao Paulo Glass Worker's Union officials, "They work eight hours a day, six days a week. The heat is unbearable and they breathe in pounds of silicon, particularly when they blow the glass into shapes."

They are paid 30,000 cruzeiros a month, about \$125, if they are lucky to be listed as fully experienced, full-time workers. But many are categorized by the bosses as apprentices, which means that they receive only half as much pay.

Miller, the agricultural economist, said the children who serve as migrant laborers in the fields receive even worse treatment. "They have no work cards, no job security," he said. "They cannot go to school and they don't develop their minds. These people are pushed to the side. They have no real part in the society."

A 1975 study by Maria Helena Rocha Antunias of the Center of Urban and Rural Studies in the state of Bahia showed that 5- and 6-year-olds work as a matter of course, harvesting tobacco, onions and sugar cane. But they were paid 30 percent less than adults doing the same work.

Then there are the children who work in supermarkets. Usually 12 or younger, they bag groceries, push shopping carts and make deliveries. According to Junqueira, they work up to 12 hours a day, longer during the holiday season. But the long hours are the least of the abuses they suffer. The supermarkets practically get the benefit of having young workers at low wages without assuming any responsibility for them.

As a result, the family of a 12-year-old boy who was killed recently while delivering groceries for a supermarket was unable to obtain even burial benefits.

Earlier this year, the supermarket children went on strike for better pay, improved working conditions and benefits.

Even if a supermarket is fined by the government for violating child labor laws, the fines are relatively small and apparently well worth the risk.

Probably the most difficult and sensitive aspect of Brazil's child labor situation concerns a system into which poor, often black, children from the countryside are far too frequently trapped — a system of exploitation that resembles slavery. They are called *empregadas* — live-in maids who clean house, wash clothes, iron and baby-sit.

According to Junqueira, there are thousands upon thousands of such maids, living like captives, in Sao Paulo alone. On any given day, several girls, often only 11 or 12, find their way into Junqueira's office seeking help.

Their stories are always the same. The house owner locks them in. They live in tiny rooms — one girl told of sleeping in a broom closet — and they are not allowed to receive telephone calls or visitors.

Often, they are given only a uniform to wear so that if they do run away they can be easily identified and caught. Although they are supposed to be paid, the patron frequently refuses to do so or pays only a pittance, saying that he has to deduct the girl's living expenses.

## Beethoven's 9th symphony a December ritual in Japan

By Jim Abrams

TOKYO (AP) — Once again this December, hundreds of thousands of Japanese are greeting the new year with the German cry of "freude" (joy), the rousing theme of the last movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

Like the staging of *Chushingura*, an 18th century Kabuki drama of Samurai loyalty, performances of the German composer's "Choral Symphony" have become a year-end ritual in Japan. One music publication estimated the ninth will be performed 103 times in concert halls, public centers and gymnasiums this December, up from 19 times 20 years ago and 80 times last year. Most are accompanied by amateur choruses to sing the "Through Anguish, Joy" lyrics.

"We have up to 4,000 people on stage for our performances," said Ichio Wakabayashi, spokesman for the 90-member Nihon Philharmonic Orchestra, which was to perform the symphony 13 times during the month.

Wakabayashi said the orchestra will be joined by choruses from colleges, women's groups and local communities, some who practice for months to master the words of

Friedrich von Schiller's "Ode to Joy," which Beethoven set to music. This year a Tokyo dance troupe, for the first time in Japan, used the music for a dance performance before a select crowd of 1,500.

The popularity of the ninth has a relatively short history in Japan. The first performance is said to have been in 1924, by the Tokyo Music School. There is a tale of Tokyo University students organizing a performance in 1944 as a "Joyful" sendoff for what they felt was sure death in World War II, but in general, wartime leaders looked askance at Western music. The music gained wide popularity, however, with the postwar economic recovery and the spawning of symphony orchestras in Japanese cities.

Music critics agree that Beethoven's romanticism and his personal struggles with deafness and family tragedy appeal to Japan's classical music lovers. But the establishment of the ninth as a year-end ritual may have been more for pecuniary than romantic reasons.

Wakabayashi said "the only time we are assured of a full house is when we play the ninth," he said.

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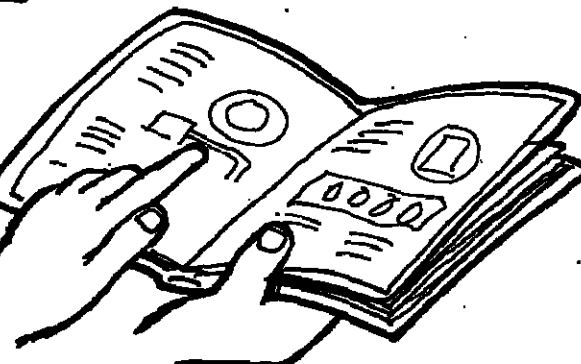
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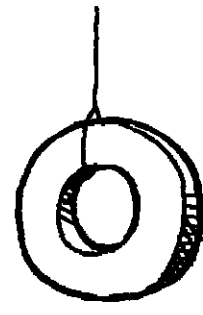
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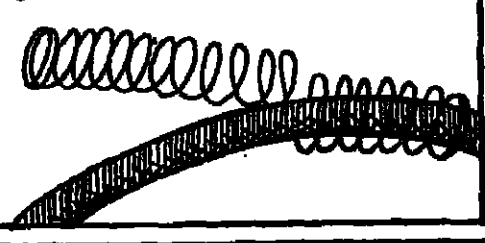
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## Congress may cut defense outlay

## Baldrige sees deficit at \$200b

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (R) — U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the federal budget deficit could approach \$200 billion in the current financial year.

No part of the budget, including defense, should be exempt from cost-cutting efforts, Baldrige said. Projections of a \$200 billion deficit were in the right area, he said in an interview on the ABC television Good Morning America program.

President Ronald Reagan's top economic forecaster, Martin Feldstein, said earlier the deficit in the financial year which ends next September could range from \$150 billion to \$200 billion.

But Baldrige was the first cabinet officer to say publicly that the \$200 billion figure was more likely. "I think we must go through that budget with a fine tooth comb" in an effort to reduce the deficit, he said. Everything, "including defense, must be looked at closely," he added.

It is widely expected that the new Congress

which convenes next month will cut defense spending from levels to be proposed by President Reagan in his budget message to congressmen in late January. Reagan has resisted demands that he cut defense.

Baldrige's comments came only a day after Treasury Secretary Donald Regan let it be known that he is considering the need for tax increases to get the deficits under control. "No one dislikes raising taxes more than Don Regan, but he has to be a realist," treasury spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Monday.

Less than two months ago, Regan said tax increases were not the way to cut the budget deficit. "Perish the thought he told reporters who suggested higher taxes as a policy option."

Regan's public switch is being interpreted as an attempt to bring pressure on President Reagan to alter his own opposition to tax increases. In October, the president "a palace coup" could change his mind about taxes. "Don't believe everything you read in the newspapers," Regan told reporters this

week when asked about press accounts of his treasury secretary's concerns.

The big deficits mean the government will have to borrow record amounts next year as well as threatening to push interest rates higher.

Baldrige said he does not doubt the U.S. will recover from recession next year and economic growth could reach 4 percent, with unemployment possibly breaking into the nine percent range.

Unemployment in November reached a postwar high of 10.8 percent and the commerce secretary said even nine percent would still be too high. But he said he does not now support any move to advance July 1 tax cuts to an earlier date. "I would address deficits in other areas," he said.

Meanwhile, the *New York Times* reported Wednesday, President Reagan's top economic advisers have cut back their forecast for economic growth in the United States in 1983 and now predict slow expansion in the first half of next year.

## Romania devalues currency by 11%

BUCHAREST, Dec. 29 (AP) — Romania announced Wednesday a devaluation of its currency the leu against the U.S. dollar by 11.4 percentage points.

The state-run Agerpres news agency reported that as of Dec. 29 the non-commercial or tourist rate of exchange for one U.S. dollar is 12.50 leu against the previous rate of 11 leu. It said the rate for other Western currencies would be adjusted but gave no figures.

The decision by the Romanian national bank was made "in view of encouraging tourism in Romania," the terse announcement said.

The Austrian Creditanstalt-Bankverein said the devaluation of the leu for the benefit of tourism did not affect the commercial exchange rate, which stood at 4.47 leu to the dollar.

According to a message received by the Vienna bank from the Romanian foreign trade bank the new non-commercial rate for 100 Austrian schillings was 74.55 against 64.35 a day earlier. This suggested the leu was not uniformly devalued against Western currencies.



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## Tariff cuts

## Japan move ineffective--U.S.

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (AP) — Japan's latest package of tariff cuts has some symbolic value in easing trade tensions, but U.S. officials say they will have little real impact on the country's huge market surpluses with Europe and the United States.

"Japan acted independently, on its own initiative," a U.S. Embassy official who requested anonymity said of the measures approved last Friday by the Japanese cabinet. "Real actions like this deserve some credit."

But the third trade-reform package announced by Japan in a year is expected to have minimal effect on its burgeoning trade surpluses with its major trading partners, and could serve as little more than a diversion against rising anti-Japan protectionist moves in other countries.

The latest package of 78 items did not incorporate any action on the key issue of quotas on U.S. beef and citrus products, which are being handled in bilateral talks.

Also, it left for further study the question of remaining non-tariff barriers which have effectively kept a wide variety of foreign products out of Japan.

Analyzing the Japanese plan, the U.S. official said even a sizable cut in tobacco tariffs, from 35 percent to 20 percent, may not necessarily mean an increase in foreign sales in the huge Japanese market for cigarettes because "there are so many other variables."

The U.S. share of Japan's government-

controlled tobacco market is only 1.4 percent, and "an awful lot depends on the rules" in determining whether U.S. sales improve, the U.S. official said. The "rules" include quotas on the percentage of foreign products retail distributors may sell.

He said the package's provision for slashing duties on chocolate from 31.9 percent to 20 percent was "quite important" to the United States and Europe, but the significance of other elements cannot be assessed without careful study.

U.S. ambassador to Japan Wilke Mansfield told foreign minister Shintaro Abe on Monday that the measures would be a major factor in the battle against rising protectionism in the United States and Europe.

But with unemployment soaring in the rest of the industrialized world, and Japan's 1981 trade surpluses of \$16 billion with the United States and \$12 billion with the European Common Market expected to rise this year, pressures to shut out Japanese goods are likely to persist.

Fear of anti-Japanese protectionism here is widespread. The media has given headline coverage to U.S. congressional debate on a bill to require some foreign products such as cars to have domestically built contents. This would devastate Japan's auto sales in the United States, the Japanese say.

## UAE exports to Japan hit \$8.8 billion

ABU DHABI, Dec. 29 (WAM) — Japan has been the top trading partner of the United Arab Emirates since 1978 in terms of both exports and imports with the balance of trade consistently in favor of the UAE, the Dubai-based English daily, *Khaleej Times*, said in a special report.

The volume of trade reached a peak in 1981, recording \$10.3 billion, with Japan exports to the UAE valued at nearly \$1.5 billion, while imports — mainly oil and gas — were worth \$8.8 billion.

In 1978, Japan's exports to the UAE were valued at \$1.01 billion, and imports were worth \$2.6 billion registering a deficit of \$1.6 billion.

In 1979 this figure increased to \$2,588. The sudden increase in favor of the UAE was due to higher oil prices in 1980, and the Japanese deficit, went up to \$6.8 billion (exports \$1.4 billion and imports \$8.2 billion).

Quoting figures from the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry the paper said the UAE in 1982 increased its imports from Japan by 5.4 percent. The import value was 6.3 percent more in April-June, 14 percent less in July and 2.1 percent more in August compared to the corresponding periods last year.

The UAE's exports to Japan declined since the beginning of this year by 18.8 percent in January-March — 13.7 percent in April-June and 15.4 percent in July compared to the corresponding periods last year. In August, however, there was a recovery of 6.7 percent.

## S. Korean car units make gains

SEOUL, Dec. 29 (AFP) — After suffering a heavy business loss for the last two years in a deep slump, the South Korean automobile industry this year started making a profit with sales reaching the 1979 level, industrial sources have reported.

The sources said that a total of 143,926 units were sold during the January-November period this year, including 82,466 passenger cars, 38,514 trucks and 18,983 buses, as compared with 135,974 units last year and 129,726 units in 1980. The nation's top automaker, Hyundai, is expected to make a \$6.6 million profit this year after losing over \$22 million last year, while the number two, Saehan, a joint venture firm with the U.S. General Motors will see its loss reduced to about \$20 million this year from last year's \$44 million in the red.

The third auto producer, KIA, specializing in trucks and minibuses also showed a profit of \$4.0 million after a loss of \$35.5 million last year.

The sources said that next year is expected to be better with an estimated total sale of about 220,000 units.

## Taiwan hopeful of recession end

Special for Arab News

TAIPEI, Dec. 29 (CNA) — The Council for Economic Planning and Development (CEPD) under the Executive Yuan of the Republic of China predicts that the Taiwan area's economy will recover from prolonged recession beginning next year.

According to reports by several international economic research institutes, the world's economy will be getting better from 1983, the CEPD said.

The Republic of China products will regain their competitiveness in international markets because of stable commodity prices.

As dollar's two-year boom subsides  
Marts determining currency value questioned

LONDON, Dec. 29 (R) — The dollar's two-year rampage in foreign exchange markets, which increased the economic problems of many countries, has left in its trail a strong sense of nostalgia for "the good old days," when the value of currencies was as predictable as tomorrow's sunrise.

While the dollar boom of the past two years appears to have subsided at least for the present as it slides from recent highs, economists in and out of governments are increasingly questioning the wisdom of letting the markets alone determine how much a nation's currency is worth.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan earlier this month fuelled anew the hopes for something different held by critics of the free-wheeling market system that has prevailed since the Nixon administration in 1971 allowed the dollar to "float", releasing it from its long-standing link to gold.

Although he later modified his remarks, Regan suggested to reporters in Washington that the major powers should lay the groundwork for a new Bretton Woods, the 1944 meeting that set the course for the industrial world's postwar economic

advance. This was regarded as a sign of the first major crack in the monetarist wall that has been built up in Washington, where the marketplace has been held in reverence.

But this view has drawn sharp criticism from many experts who fear that the markets can veer out of control, upsetting national plans to improve economic conditions.

Roy Jenkins, head of Britain's Social Democratic Party and a former labor government chancellor of the exchequer, recently called for new international arrangements to ensure that currency movements reflect real, not speculative, forces.

The reliance on market forces preached by the monetarists meant that high interest rates imposed successfully to curb U.S. inflation, attracted vast flows of foreign money into the U.S. capital market, propelling the dollar ever higher against other major currencies.

Even now with the dollar seemingly in retreat, many economists believe it is still overvalued against such other strong currencies as the West German mark and the Japanese yen.

This high interest rate policy combined with a strong dollar to aggravate the problems of Third World countries in repaying foreign debts with more expensive dollars and in paying for oil imports, for which exporters demand dollars.

West European countries and Japan were forced to stay competitive by adjusting interest rates or accept the consequences of a sharp drop in their currency values.

Until recently, the Reagan administration shunned proposals for better coordination of economic policies on grounds that the markets knew best. But Regan appears to have finally taken the initiative and called for a better system of harmonization of policies to bring more stability to currency markets.

Although few concrete measures have emerged, European economists see this as a sharp departure from the Reagan administration's refusal to give greater consideration to the international consequences of its domestic actions.

They also were encouraged by statistics showing the U.S. Federal Reserve intervened four times on exchange markets in the August-September period.

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With debts amounting to \$22m

# Poland okays budget urging \$3b in credits

WARSAW, Dec. 29 (AP) — Poland's Parliament Wednesday unanimously approved a 1983 budget which calls for \$3 billion in new Western credits.

Vice Premier Janusz Obodowski, summing up the government's economic policy before the vote, said Poland "is ready to start negotiations with our creditors."

"We would like to reach a long-term agreement about refinancing our debts," said Obodowski, who heads the state planning agency. "We are awaiting a realistic approach from the side of our creditors."

Western governments, acting under sanctions imposed by the Reagan administration after the declaration of martial law in Poland Dec. 13, 1981, are refusing to discuss debt rescheduling or new credits with Poland until the regime relaxes the military crackdown.

Poland owes Western banks and governments an estimated \$22.3 billion, and missed most of its payments this year.

In early November, the Polish government reached agreement with Western bankers rescheduling debt repayments of about \$3.5 billion due in 1982. Poland is to repay \$1.1 billion in interest due in three installments ending March 20, 1983, but to receive \$550

million of that back in credits, according to Western experts familiar with the issue.

Repayment of about \$3.5 billion in principal was delayed for about four years under the agreement, the experts said.

The reference in the budget to \$3 billion in new Western credits appears to envisage a new rescheduling agreement with Western bankers. A committee of Western bankers is to arrive in Poland in early January to discuss the issue.

Western experts in Warsaw say that Poland expects to obtain \$800 billion in short-term credits under a rescheduling mechanism that would also transfer \$2.2 billion in missed interest payments into the balance of principal that Poland owes Western banks.

Obodowski, in his speech, said the government would take steps to raise productivity, which he said had fallen by 11 percent from 1978. "This is not acceptable," he said.

Obodowski blamed some of the decline in productivity on a 150-hour decrease in the average number of hours worked by Poles yearly, an apparent reference to a concession won by the independent Solidarity trade union for workless Saturdays. Obodowski did not mention Solidarity, which was outlawed Oct. 8.

## Copper prices zoom to new high

LONDON, Dec. 29 (R) — Copper prices on the London Metal Exchange jumped Wednesday to their highest levels for 15 months as interest rate cuts in the United States boosted hopes of a recovery in the American economy, traders said.

The price of copper, used extensively in the construction industry, rose to 964 sterling per ton (71 cents per lb), its best since September 1981, after closing last Friday at 950 sterling (70 cents).

But the enthusiasm was later tempered by figures showing that stocks held by the metal exchange were at their highest since April 1979, and the price fell back 10 sterling (\$16).

Traders said that the stock figures showed that industrial demand was still slow because of the recession and that Wednesday's price rise was based more on hopes than on any positive signs of a resurgence in world economy activity.

Nevertheless, copper prices have strengthened steadily after slumping to around 700 sterling (52 cents a lb) in June this year, their weakest level in two and a half years, as lower U.S. interest rates, which mean cheaper borrowing for companies, have encouraged expectations of a recovery in the American economy next year.

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East-West trade

## U.N. stresses barter deals

GENEVA, Dec. 29 (R) — Western firms will have to accept more barter deals with the Communist world, involving payment in goods rather than cash, if they want East-West trade to flourish, a senior United Nations official said Wednesday.

Despite a lack of hard currency and credits from Western banks, East European states still need to import Western technology, Janez Stanovnik, the outgoing head of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) told Reuters in an interview.

Since the cost of developing new technology keeps rising, Western firms will remain interested in exporting to all markets as a way of lowering research costs per unit, said Stanovnik, who retires this week after 15 years heading the ECE.

"The West has an economic interest in maintaining East-West trade," he said, noting its 1982 total turnover was \$100 billion. "But it will have to make some concessions. It will have to pay more attention to compensation trade."

About 15 percent of all Western exports to the East are now paid for through barter, also known as compensation or counter trade, according to estimates by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Barter has long been unpopular with Western traders because instead of receiving a cash payment for their exports they often get poor-quality goods which they must then market in the West before reaping their profit from the original sale.

A widely-used form of payment in the 1950s, barter was all but eclipsed by 1973

## Japan to develop 'super robots'

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (R) — Government researchers will start work next year on developing so-called "super robots" to take over from human workers in dangerous jobs, the International Trade and Industry Ministry said Wednesday.

The project to design and build several types of robots capable of such tasks as fighting a fire, maintaining a nuclear power plant or working in the depths of the ocean, will cost around 20 billion yen (\$86 million) over eight years, it said.

The ministry has been authorized by the finance ministry to spend 40 million yen (\$70,000) for a preliminary survey in the first year of the project in fiscal 1983, beginning next April 1.

## Dollar continues to slide

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — The dollar fell back Wednesday in minimal trading volumes as year-end book squaring continued unabated. The markets continued to respond to pressures of reductions in Eurodollar interest rates and the more major U.S. commercial banks cut their prime lending rates to 11 percent in line with Chase Manhattan's move Tuesday.

The Federal Reserve Board continued to add liquidity to the system and "Fed fund" rates dropped again to the 8 percent levels. The money markets were seemingly convinced, however, that the "Fed" would cut its discount rate very soon in the New Year and pointed to the minutes of the Federal open market committee of 16 members which seemed to support a continuation of the present policy of easing interest rates.

The bullion markets eased prior to the year-end close and prices were traded within narrow ranges. Gold prices remained at the \$456 to \$458 an ounce level, while silver remained at over the \$11 level at \$11.05 an ounce. Dealers hoped that prices would in fact pick up over the New Year as dollar and continental European interest rates continue to fall and the battle against inflation well in hand.

In the Europe on Wednesday, the continental currencies rose slightly against the dollar but the continued closure of most of the London bourses and year-end book squaring ensured that no serious business was carried out.

The British pound was firmer at between 1.6190 to 1.6230 levels as some forward purchases of sterling pushed up the price in New York and Chicago bourses. Sterling, however, was still affected by continuing uncertainties over OPEC and non-OPEC oil prices. The Japanese yen was stronger at 232.50 levels from 235.00 on Tuesday and the yen was helped by some cheerful economic data which showed Japan's consumer price index falling over 1.1 percent in November and unemployment also falling off.

The French franc rose to 6.6930 at one stage but traded unchanged at the 6.7030 levels Wednesday as did the Swiss franc which traded at 1.9890 to 1.9900 levels. The German mark rose to 2.3650 but was traded moderately in thin markets.

Wednesday saw the local rial markets ease further by about 1/4 percent levels, taking the week-fixed to 6 1/4 - 6 3/4 percent while the one-month JIBOR fell to 6 1/4 percent levels. The longer tenors were quieter at 9 - 9 1/2 percent for the one-year deposit but the market was virtually at a standstill according to Jeddah dealers. Spot rial/dollar prices remained at around 3.4400-02 levels with little activity recorded.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| London    | 463.00 |
| Paris     | 463.77 |
| Frankfurt | 468.50 |
| Zurich    | 467.50 |
| Hong Kong | 453.97 |

## BRIEFS

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, (AFP) — Newfoundland Fisheries Minister Jim Morgan accused Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau taking a soft stand toward the threat of an embargo against Canadian seal-killing by the Common Market. Morgan said the federal government should cancel all fishery agreements with any Common Market countries that follow through the embargo threat.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Mauritius will receive a \$12.2 million loan to help improve the potable water supply of the country, the World Bank has announced. The loan is for 17 years, including 4 years of grace, at an interest rate linked to the cost of bank borrowing. The current rate of interest is 12.4 percent.

SEOUL, (R) — South Korea's current account deficit widened to \$701 million in November from \$254 million the previous month and \$489 million a year previously, the economic planning board said. This was largely due to increased imports yielding a trade deficit of \$620 million against October's \$147 and \$308 million in November 1981, preliminary board figures

show. TOKYO, (R) — The Japanese wholesale price index (base 1980) fell 0.1 percent in the second 10 days of December to an unadjusted 102.8 from 102.9 in the first 10 days of this month, the Bank of Japan said. The interim December index was up one percent from a year earlier, it said. The bank updated the base year for the index to 1980 from 1975 at the start of December.

LONDON, (AFP) — Angry shareholders in the Lotus Car Company will have many questions to ask at its annual meeting Thursday, which will decide the firm's future following the recent death of founder and Chairman Colin Chapman, the *Guardian* newspaper said here Wednesday. Chapman, whose formula one motor racing team won the World Drivers' Championship six times, left behind a business plagued by debt and troubled by criticism of unorthodox financial deals.

ISLAMABAD, (R) — Afghanistan recently printed large amounts of paper money without bullion backing, the latest sign of its collapsing economy, Western diplomats have said.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

| Country                | Rate   | Country  | Rate  |
|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|
| Baharini Dinar         | 9.10   | Transfer | 9.135 |
| Bangladesh Taka        | 14.30  |          |       |
| Belgian Franc (1,000)  | 74.00  |          |       |
| Canadian Dollar        | 278.00 |          |       |
| Danish Mark (100)      | 145.55 |          |       |
| Dutch Guilder (100)    | 131.50 |          |       |
| Egyptian Pound         | 3.20   |          |       |
| Emirate Dirham (100)   | 93.25  |          |       |
| French Franc (100)     | 51.60  |          |       |
| Czech Drachma (1,000)  | 49.52  |          |       |
| Indian Rupee (100)     | 35.68  |          |       |
| Iranian Rial (100)     |        |          |       |
| Israeli Dinar          | 6.25   |          |       |
| Italian Lira (10,000)  | 25.40  |          |       |
| Japanese Yen (1,000)   | 14.85  |          |       |
| Jordanian Dinar        | 9.80   |          |       |
| Kuwaiti Dinar          | 11.95  |          |       |
| Lebanese Lira (100)    | 90.50  |          |       |
| Moroccan Dirham (100)  | 56.00  |          |       |
| Pakistani Rupee (100)  | 28.10  |          |       |
| Philippine Peso (100)  | 5.61   |          |       |
| Pound Sterling (100)   | 93.50  |          |       |
| Saudi Riyal (100)      | 163.00 |          |       |
| Singapore Dollar (100) | 28.00  |          |       |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000) | 173.10 |          |       |
| Swiss Franc (100)      | 60.80  |          |       |
| Syrian Lira (100)      | 3.45   |          |       |
| Turkish Lira (1,000)   | 75.35  |          |       |
| U.S. Dollar            |        |          |       |
| Yemeni Rial (100)      |        |          |       |

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## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

| Authority  | Description   | Tender Number | Tender Price | Closing Date |
|--|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs                | Asphalting pavement and lighting of Najran          | 127           | 5,000        | Jan. 15      |
| Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region             | Catering for Hail Hospital, 1403-4                  | —             | 500          | Jan. 8       |
| Interior Ministry, College of Internal Security Forces | Setting up a training hall                          | —             | 4,000        | Dec. 18      |
| University of Petroleum and Minerals                   | Maintenance of campus gardens                       | —             | 250          | Dec. 15      |
| Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs                | Supervision of Tabuk beautification project         | 229           | 1,000        | Jan. 4       |
|  | Filling in of low lying areas in Rafha (Third time) | 2/230         | 500          | Jan. 16      |

## PORTS AUTHORITY

### JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

11TH RABI AL AWWAL 1403/26TH DECEMBER 1982

1. ships discharging:

| Berth | Name of Vessel  | Agent    | Type of Cargo       | Arrival  |
|-------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| 1A.   | Merzario Persia | A.E.T.   | Contrs./Trls        | 25.12.82 |
| 3.    | Arab Mazin      | S.E.S.Z. | Bagged Durra        | 21.12.82 |
| 4.    | Gama Kasia      | A.E.T.   | Gen./Containers     | 24.12.82 |
| 5.    | Geliga          | Star     | Bagged Barley       | 23.12.82 |
| 6.    | Balder Gent     | Altawil  | Bagged Sugar        | 25.12.82 |
| 14.   | Tropicana       | O.C.E.   | Reefer              | 25.12.82 |
| 15.   | Sifra Najd      | O.C.E.   | Bananas             | 16.12.82 |
| 17.   | Condor          | Star     | Gen./Steel          | 24.12.82 |
| 18.   | Condor          | Star     | General/Steel       | 24.12.82 |
| 18.   | Ionian Carrier  | Rolaco   | Bulk Cement         | 25.12.82 |
| 19.   | Sagr. Jeddah    | Alsabah  | Bulk Cement         | 24.12.82 |
| 20.   | Al Mareekh      | Star     | Fruits/Chicken      | 20.12.82 |
| 21.   | Maldiva Trader  | O'Trade  | Steel/Gen.          | 25.12.82 |
| 23.   | Nour            | Hitta    | Containers/Plant    | 24.12.82 |
| 24.   | Saudi Jeddah    | M.E.S.A. | Lime/Gen./Timber    | 24.12.82 |
| 25.   | Khartoum        | A.E.T.   | Durra               | 21.12.82 |
| 27.   | Kayo Grossos    | El Hawi  | Bagged Sugar        | 22.12.82 |
| 29.   | Asia Freezer    | O.C.E.   | Reefer              | 23.12.82 |
| 30.   | Bora Universal  | Star     | Reefer              | 22.12.82 |
| 32.   | Sie Kim         | El Hawi  | Contrs./Steel/Tiles | 25.12.82 |
| 33.   | Guilard         | Star     | Reefer/Gen.         | 21.12.82 |
| 33.   | Amfriti         | Gulf     | Paper/Steel/Calcium | 25.12.82 |
| 37.   | Ming Young      | Minco    | Containers          | 24.12.82 |
| 40.   | Mokha           | Star     | General             | 23.12.82 |
| 41.   | Omis            | Attar    | General             | 25.12.82 |
| 42.   | Rofita          | A.E.T.   | Vehicles            | 25.12.82 |
| 43.   | Maldiva Prize   | Bamaodah | Bagged Barley       | 20.12.82 |

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SHIP MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

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| 1. VESSELS DISCHARGING: |                      |         |                 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 4.                      | Saudi Jamal          | Orri    | General         |
| 5.                      | Emilia Uno           | Gosaibi | Bagged Sugar    |
| 9.                      | Luchun               | Orri    | Loading Urea    |
| 12.                     | Sharp Island         | UEP     | General         |
| 14.                     | New Lark             | Orri    | Gen./Cont.      |
| 15.                     | Darya Kamal          | SMC     | Timber/Reefer   |
| 19.                     | Nikos-N              | SMC     | General         |
| 20.                     | Mallow Everett       | Gulf    | Bananas         |
| 24.                     | Hellenic Spirit      | Gulf    | Containers      |
| 36.                     | Regent Quince (D.B.) | Alsabah | Bulk Cement     |
| 37.                     | Arabian Luluah       | Barber  | Cement Silo VSL |
| 38.                     | Marina Alice (D.B.)  | Globe   | Bulk Cement     |
| S.C.P.                  | Barge Salati-10      | Alsalmi | Loading Eqp     |
| 2. RECENT ARRIVALS:     |                      |         |                 |
|                         | Hellenic Spirit      | Gulf    | Containers      |
|                         | Sharp Island         | UEP     | General         |
|                         | Mallow Everett       | Gulf    | Bananas         |
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|                         | Brazilian Sky        | Alireza | Bulk Cement     |

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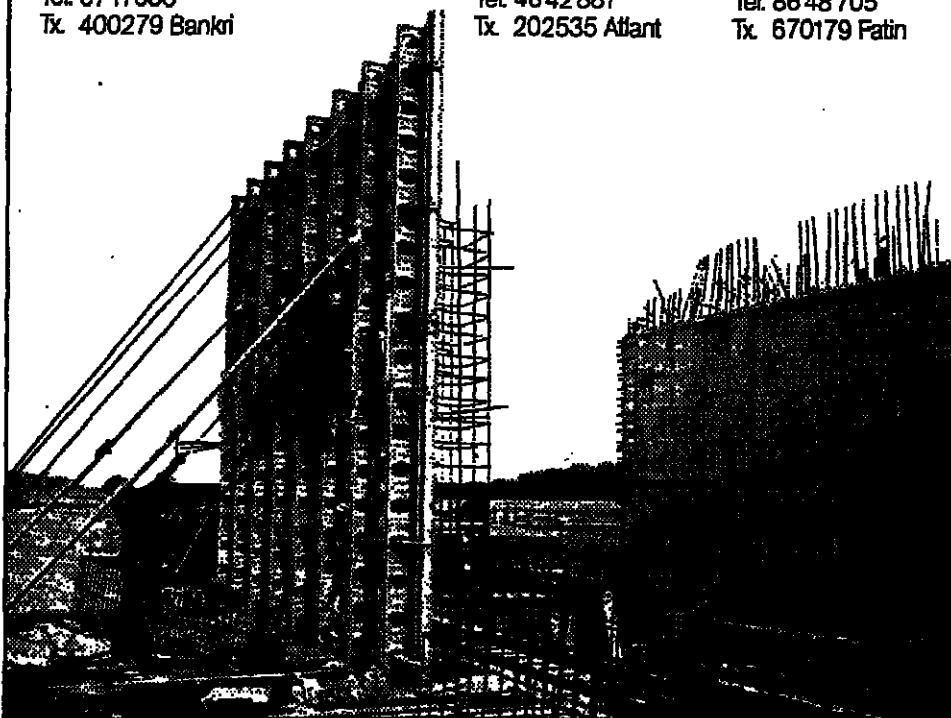
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## As Cowans raises England's hopes

## Melbourne Test poised on razor's edge

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 29 (AP) — A 21-year-old fast bowler born in the West Indies appears to have wrecked Australia's chances of sewing up the Ashes after the fourth day's play in the fourth Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here Wednesday.

Athletic speedster Norman Cowans Wednesday grabbed six wickets for 69 runs, leaving the Australians grasping at straws to make the series 3-0 in their favor.

At stumps, Australia, was 255 for nine, with Allan Border batting on 44 and Jeff Thomson batting with eight, still needing 37 runs to win going into the final day Thursday. "I hope I bowl the first over Thursday," said the elated Jamaican-born Cowans, who has delighted the nearly 200,000 fans who have watched this Test.

"It was great to get Greg Chappell twice — anybody would be pleased with that, Bob Willis talked to me throughout the day — helping and guiding. And Ian Gould is a tremendous teammate," he said.

"I last played on the MCG with the under-19 England team but only about 10 people came to see us then — and it rained too. I'm still learning — but you learn quickly at the top."

"It's the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of and it's great when they are with you," Cowans said.

"Dennis Lillee was my boyhood hero. I thought he was tremendous and I need only ask his advice and he gives it to me these days. It's important young West Indians in England see me do well, to know there is hope for them too in a tough world," said Cowans.

And the new electronic Melbourne Cricket

Ground scoreboard thought a lot of Cowans too — although the game is not yet over the scoreboard lit up "scoreboard's man of the day, Cowans". The scoreboard, designed by a Japanese electronics wizard, who had never seen a game of cricket, may not have pleased Dr. Grace but it certainly has been an instant success with the MCG crowds.

It is Australia's largest colour television screen and the 7.2 meter high by 10.8 meter wide screen lies on top of the western grandstand, forming the focal point of a display.

ans in as his new ball partner in an obvious attempt to rattle the Australians before they had a chance to settle. And Cowans lived up to the faith of his skipper when he crashed through Keppeler Wessels' suspect leg stump defence. The ball flew off the Queenslander's pads into the wicket when he was 14.

With Australia 1 for 37 a hushed silence greeted Cowans' next ball, his first to Chappell — his victim in the first innings from an opening delivery Hook shot. But Chappell got off the mark and the sigh of relief from the

wicket for 136 in his two previous Tests on tour.

Tavare made amends by catching Dyson off Ian Botham for 31 and Australia were struggling at 71 for three. Hughes and David Hookes, sent in ahead of the out-of-form Allan Border in the 14 minutes remaining before lunch, steered Australia through to the adjournment on 99 for three.

A fourth-wicket century partnership between Hughes and Hookes strengthened the Australian hand and the home team looked in a sound position to end the series Wednesday. But Hughes fell into Geoff Miller's spin and was caught behind by Bob Taylor.

Hookes followed two runs later when Cowans struck again with Willis taking a magnificently judged "back to the wicket" catch at deep long-on.

Australia were struggling at 173 for five and went to tea with Allan Border scoreless and Rod Marsh on three. The struggling Australians lost four wickets between tea and stumps — with 30 minutes of play lost by a sharp shower of rain which drove the players from the field.

Marsh became another Cowans victim when the stocky keeper was trapped leg-before-wicket, and Bruce Yardley faced only five deliveries before Cowans uprooted his stumps.

Geoff Lawson, a half century maker in Pakistan in the third Test and in Perth recently, could muster only seven before hooking Pringle to Cowans at deep backward square-leg.

Border fanned the strike as he looked for runs together with fellow Queenslander Jeff Thomson and the pair saw the day out to force the match into the fifth day Thursday.

## Score-board

|                             |     |  |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|--|-----|
| England (1st innings)       | 284 | B. Yardley b Cowans  | 0   |
| Australia (1st innings)     | 287 | G. Lawson c Cowans b Pringle   | 7   |
| England (2nd innings)       | 294 | R. Hogg lbw Cowans   | 4   |
| Australia (2nd innings)     | 294 | J. Thomson batting   | 8   |
| K. Dyson c Tavaré b Botham  | 31  | Extras   | 16  |
| K. Wessels b Cowans         | 14  | Total (for 9 wkts)   | 255 |
| G. Chappell c sub b Cowans  | 2   | Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-39, 3-71, 4-171, 5-173, 6-190, 7-190, 8-202, 9-218                        |     |
| D. Hughes c Taylor b Miller | 48  | Bowling: Willis 9-0-42-0; Cowans 20-3-69-6; Botham 22-4-72-1; Pringle 12-4-26-1; Miller 16-6-30-1. |     |
| D. Hookes c Willis b Cowans | 68  |  |     |
| A. Border batting           | 44  |  |     |
| R. Marsh lbw Cowans         | 13  |  |     |

Costing four million dollars to construct and half a million dollars a year to operate, it is only the fifth of its type in the world.

It is one of a new breed of scoreboards with replays of highlights, interviews and scores from other grounds when applicable.

Not only do the spectators take advantage of the giant screen's playback facilities — the players occasionally glance up to see replays of their efforts moments after they happened.

With two days left to play, Australia needed 292 Wednesday morning to win the Test and regain the Ashes lost by Greg Chappell to Mike Brearley in 1977.

England skipper Bob Willis brought Cow-

more than 37,000 fans was audible.

But Cowans continued to be Chappell's bogeyman when the Australian skipper failed to get over a drive and Ian Gould, substituting for the injured Graeme Fowler, snapped up the chance at cover. Australia were reeling at 39 for two when Kim Hughes came to the wicket to join the surviving opener John Dyson.

Cowans earlier should have had Wessels whose slip shot went through Chris Tavare's outstretched hands to the fence. Cowans had produced the miracle for Bob Willis yet again and looked a different proposition to the somewhat neglected paceman, who took one



CENTURY MAKERS: Nasim (left) and Shahbaz, the two Pak Saudi stars, who scored a century each and helped their side aggregate 383 runs for a tournament record.

## While Ishtiaq steals show with ball

## Shahbaz, Nasim slam tons

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — Shahbaz and Nasim clouted a century each as Pak Saudi scored a cakewalk win over Rangers White in the Alireza Cricket League last weekend.

The two also helped set an aggregate record as Pak Saudi amassed 383 four for in 40 overs. The previous record of 278 also stood in the name of Pak Saudi, who achieved that feat last year.

Nasir and Shahbaz gave indications of things to come when they put on 90 for the opening-wicket. Nasim then joined Shahbaz to continue the good work, scoring his maiden century (104) in the league while Shahbaz went on to complete his second ton (125). And with Balooch scoring an unbeaten 71 Pak Saudi totaled 383.

The mammoth total seemed to have knocked the fight out of the Rangers, who could manage just 134, not that the Pak Saudi bowlers did not do well. Khalid, especially was quite impressive and finished with three for 14 while Shahbaz grabbed two for five. The batsmen to contribute to Rangers total were Najmi 25 and Khalid 37.

Rangers Green too, were at the losing end in another match against Petromin, for whom Ishtiaq ran away with the honors with a devastating spell of seven for 53.

Having elected to bat, after winning the toss, Rangers Green began on the wrong note losing two early wickets. Their plight worsened as Ishtiaq took over and ripped through the batting despite Afzal (43) and Adnan (16), did their best to ward off the danger and were all out for 157.

Petromin, too were in for some early setbacks but Pervaiz with an unbeaten 64 and Javed with a fighting 56 put them on the

victory path, but not before losing two other wickets.

The third match of the day, saw Shalimar score a thrilling three-wicket victory over ACE. With Shalimar's Habib in deadly form (6 for 20) ACE could do precious little and despite some fighting knocks by Kumar (23) and Duddley (19) they were all out for 84.

Habib proved successful with the bat too and his fighting 25 together with Shafqat's 19 saw his side through after they had lost early wickets and were in danger of losing the tie despite facing a poor rival total. ACE's Ismail finished with five for 37 while Duddley had figures of two for five.

Next week sees Pak Saudi take on Petromin at the Oval. Rangers Green fight it out with ACE at Johar and Shalimar play Rangers White at WACCA.



THERE HE GOES: England's fast bowler Norman Cowans gets through Wessels' defense for the first of six wickets he claimed and raised visions of a victory against Australia in the fourth Test in Melbourne Wednesday.

## Johnson steers Kings past Celtics in thriller

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) — When you play the Boston Celtics, you also play their tradition. "At first our players may have been in awe of the Celtics," said Kansas City Kings coach Cotton Fitzsimmons of the multiple National Basketball Association champions.

But once they got that awe, the Kings showed Boston something of their own and whipped the proud Celtics 129-124 Tuesday night. "We changed some shots, but we weren't really intimidated. We shook out of it," Fitzsimmons said. "I thought the key was in the fourth quarter when we traded baskets with them. Every time they hit, we hit; that was a confidence builder."

Boston coach Bill Fitch, who received two technicals and was ejected in the last seconds of the game, was unhappy with the officiating. "I'm going to do plenty officially," Fitch said. "I'll tell you, whatever action a coach can take officially, I'll take it. We said the Kings would be tough to beat here. They don't need any help."

Forward Eddie Johnson scored a game-high 30 points to lead a balanced Kansas City attack. The Kings trailed by as many as 27 points twice in the third quarter but chipped away at the Celtics' lead and took over for good on a basket by reserve Mike Woodson with 2:03 left in the game.

In other NBA action, it was Denver 155, Indiana 150 in overtime; Milwaukee 113, Chicago 103; Atlanta 123, San Diego 113; Phoenix 116, Trail Blazers 94; Utah 105, Detroit 98 in overtime and Philadelphia 104, Houston 93.

Nuggets 155, Pacers 150: Denver rookie Rob Williams sank two free throws with 36 seconds left in overtime to clinch the Nuggets' victory over Indiana. The outcome overshadowed heroics by Indiana forward George Johnson, who forced the overtime by sinking three three-point baskets in the final 30 seconds of regulation play, which ended with the teams tied at 134.

Bucks 113, Bulls 103: Sidney Moncrief, who scored 28 points and Marques Johnson, who had 27, combined for 18 in the fourth quarter to lift Milwaukee over Chicago.

The Bulls, behind Quintin Dailey and

Orlando Woolridge, held a 58-56 at the half and kept the game close in the third quarter, trailing 84-82 with 12 minutes remaining. But Moncrief and Johnson helped the Bucks pull away at the end for their third straight victory.

Hawks 123, Clippers 113: Dan Roundfield scored a season-high 33 points, eight of them in a last-quarter Atlanta charge which broke open a one-point game, leading the Hawks over San Diego. Dominique Wilkins added 30 for Atlanta, tying his season high. The hapless Clippers, who lost their ninth game in 10, were led by Terry Cummings' 25 points.

Suns 116, Trail Blazers 94: Walter Davis and Larry Nance led a balanced Phoenix offense with 22 points apiece as the Suns rolled past Portland. Maurice Lucas added 13 points and 10 rebounds while Dennis Johnson had 14 points and Kyle Macy 11, as Phoenix won for the sixth time in its last nine games. Portland, led by Darrell Valentine's 20 points, lost its second straight game.

Jazz 105, Pistons 98: Darrell Griffith scored eight of his game-high 32 points in overtime as Utah rallied to beat Detroit.

The Jazz had trailed much of the game, but tied it at 83 on a free throw by Danny Schayes with 43 seconds left in regulation. The game went into overtime tied at 85, then Tim Linceum took charge to help the Jazz snap a three-game losing streak.

76ers 104, Rockets 93: Philadelphia's Julius Erving poured in 29 points and Moses Malone added 24 points and 17 rebounds as the 76ers whipped Houston.

## Erika Hess doubtful

BERNE, Dec. 29 (APF) — Swiss women's alpine skiing World Cup holder Erika Hess may be unable to take part in the opening World Cup events of the New Year, following a knee operation.

The 20-year-old champion suffered persistent pains in her knee during competition in December and recently underwent an operation at a hospital here.

Doctors said afterwards that her participation in the downhill and Super Giant Slalom at Pfundertal, West Germany on Jan. 8 and 9 was nevertheless still possible.

## Spinks to take on DeLeon

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP) — Leon Spinks, former world heavyweight champion, will meet ex-cruiserweight champ Carlos "Sugar" DeLeon in a 10-round bout Sunday, March 6. Promoter Don King said the site would be announced shortly.

Spinks, the 29-year-old ex-Olympic champion, has a 12-3-2 career record with eight knockouts. He has fought only twice, including a controversial decision over Jesse Burnett last Oct. 31, since being knocked out by Larry Holmes in 1981 in a bid to regain the heavyweight title.

DeLeon, 23, won the cruiserweight crown Nov. 25, 1980, defeating Marvin Camel but then lost the crown to S.T. Gordon last June 27. In his only fight since then, he outpointed Ivy Brown Nov. 26. DeLeon has a career record of 30-2-1.

Meanwhile, Juan Laporte will make his first defense of the World Boxing Council featherweight championship, Feb. 20 against Ruben Castillo of the United States.

The fight will be a 12-round contest, complying with the New WBC round rules for championship bouts. The site will be announced shortly.

With the title vacant following the death of Salvador Sanchez, Laporte, 23, won the crown last Sept. 10, when he stopped Mario Mirana in 10 rounds at Madison Square Garden in New York. He has a 22-3 record with 13 knockouts. Castillo, 25, is 58-3-2 with 31

knockouts.

Promoter Don King said Tuesday a WBA decision ordering a heavyweight championship rematch between Mike Weaver and Michael Dokes would be no problem for Dokes, who won the crown in a controversial knockout earlier this month. "He's just another opponent," King said. "Dokes will just knock him out again."

Dokes won the WBA crown from Weaver when referee Joey Curtis stopped their fight 33 seconds into the first round Dec. 10. The controversial finish caused the WBA to order the rematch.

"I haven't received word officially," King said in an interview with the U.S. radio network ABC Sports. "I can't comment on hearsay."

According to Gilberto Mendoza, president of the WBA, the rematch must take place by March 27 and King would have 30 days beginning Monday to agree on terms. If no agreement is reached in that period, the fight would be put up for public auction. King said that would be no problem for him.

In Marseille, efforts are being made to obtain the release of former European middleweight boxing champion Gratien Tonna, who spent the festive season in prison. His lawyer Gilbert Collard said that an application for his release on bail would be made on Jan. 6.

## Ehlvest grabs slender lead

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, Dec. 29 (AP) — Jaan Ehlvest of the Soviet Union won his eighth-round game to take a half-point lead over Denmark's Curt Hansen, his closest rival in the standings of the Junior Chess Championship, Tuesday night.

Ehlvest played black against Sweden's Pia Cramling. He followed a well-known line of the Sicilian defense and, profiting from Cramling's careless handling of the opening, secured a winning position by his 35th.

The Soviet player soon won a knight, but Cramling insisted on playing on and it took Ehlvest until far into the end game to force a win on his 66th.

Hansen was pitted with black against Alan Greenfield in a Catalan defense and had the worst of play throughout. Experts said Greenfield missed a winning combination around his 25th, enabling Hansen to fight back and reach a draw 36 moves later.

Ehlvest now tops the standings with seven points for an unbeaten run of six wins and two draws and is half a point ahead of Hansen, who also remains unbeaten but scored one draw more.

Greenfield is in third position with six points, half a point ahead of Czechoslovakia's Igor Stohl and Scotland's Mark Condie, who both won their games in Tuesday's action. Condie played black in a Pirc defense to overcome Holland's Manuel Bosboom in 63 moves, while Stohl downed Italy's Carlo D'Amore with white in 52 moves from a King's Indian.

Meanwhile, replacements were named Wednesday for the three Soviet grandmasters, who pulled out of the Hautes Fourmeaux International Chess Tournament in the Netherlands, because Soviet-exile Victor Korchnoi is competing.

Former world champion Mikhail Tal, Yuri Balachov and Lev Psakhis will be replaced by Jan Timman of the Netherlands, Britain's Jonathan Speelman and Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia.

The Soviet Chess Federation told the tournament organizers through telex that they would not authorize their players to play against Korchnoi. Tal was quoted as saying during the Chess Olympics that if given permission he very much wanted to play the tournament.

(US), Walter Browne (US), Zoltan Ribh (HUN), Genna Sosonko (NETH), Jonathan Speelman (GB), John Nunn (GB), John Van Der Wiel (NETH), Hans Ree (NETH), Peter Schreier (NETH).

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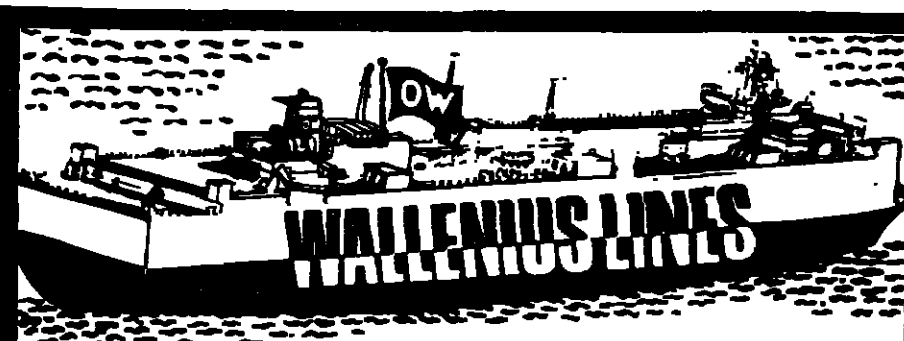
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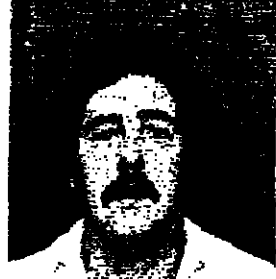
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|----------------|------|----------|-------------------------|
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| NEDLLOYD DELFT | 09   | 03-01-83 | Europe                  |
| TARIFA         | 16   | 05-01-83 | To Europe/<br>Export    |
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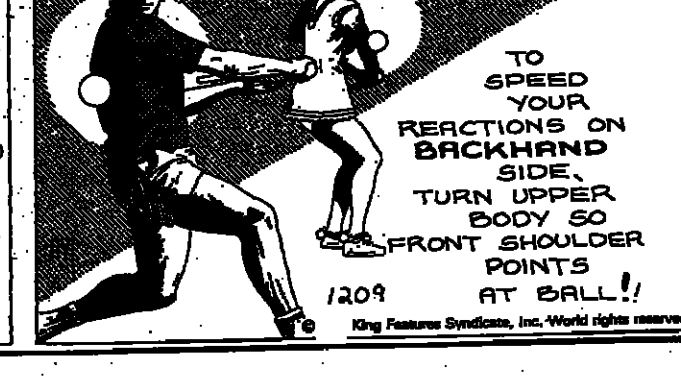
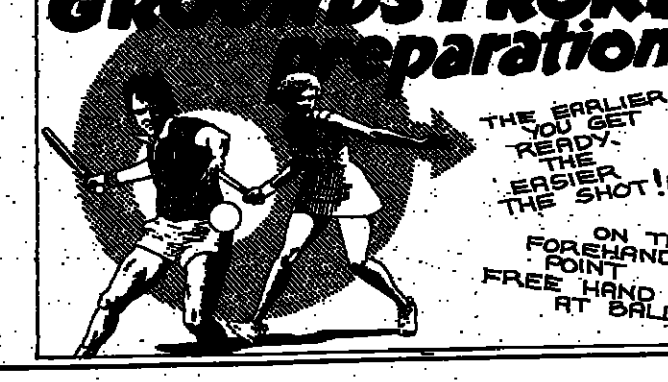
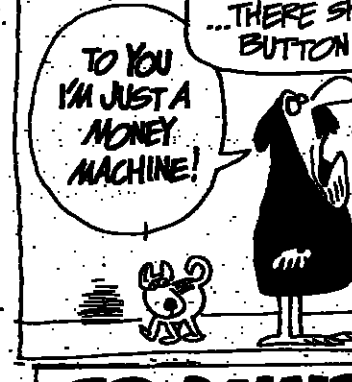
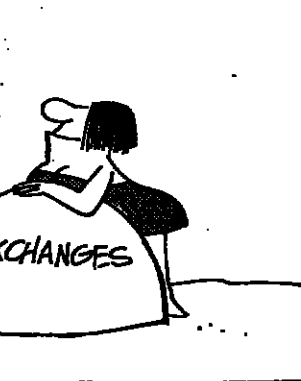
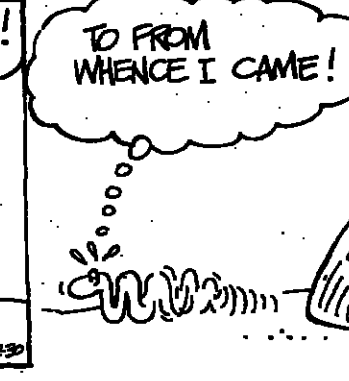
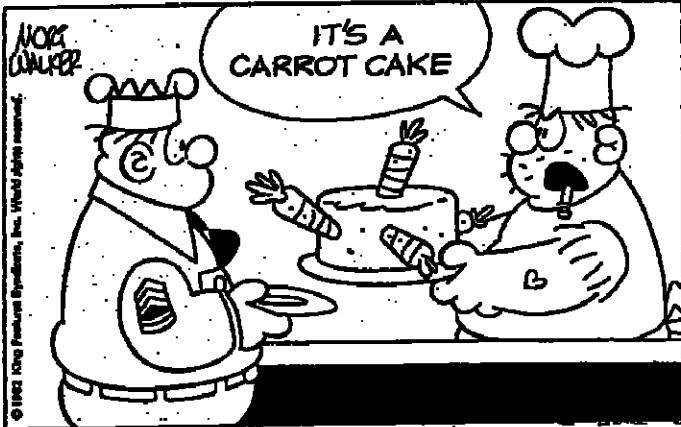
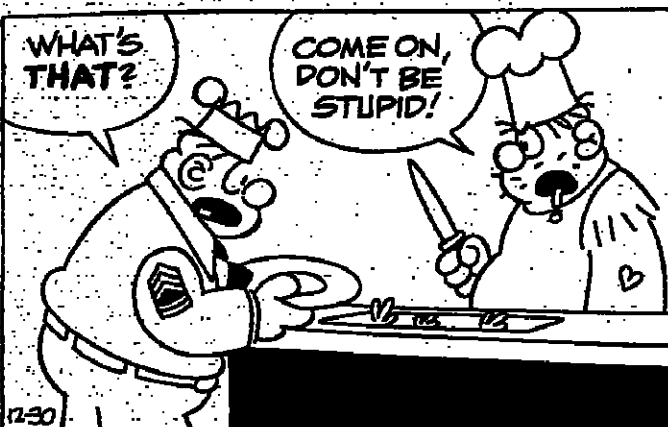
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| 9:00 Opening, Quran             | 6:34 Documentary/Gorilla   | 10:00 World News        |
| 9:05 News and Announcements     | 7:41 The Association Date  | 10:30 Soap and Program  |
| 9:10 Children's Magazine        | 8:02 Novice Nurses I       | 10:50 Arabic Drama/Arab |
| 9:15 Open Season                | 8:10 Approx                | 11:00 English Film      |
| 9:20 Why Am I a Muslim          | 8:20 Boston March's Wed    | 11:30 Children's        |
| 9:25 Family Program             | 8:30 Special Branch Stand  | 11:40 News              |
| 9:30 Sports and Youth           | 8:40 Followed by Channel   | 11:50 News              |
| 9:35 Children's Series (Dubbed) | 8:50 Deliver               | 12:00 Program Preview   |
| 9:40 Cartoons                   | 9:00 News                  | 6:05 Cartoons           |
| 9:45 Arabic Series              | 9:10 Special Branch Stand  | 7:00 News               |
| 9:50 Children's Program         | 9:20 Followed by Channel   | 7:30 Open Season        |
| 9:55 Islamic Seminar            | 9:30 Deliver               | 8:00 Bantler's          |
| 10:00 Medicine and Life         | 9:40 News                  | 8:45 Arabic             |
| 10:05 English News              | 9:50 Special Branch Stand  | 9:15 Film, followed by  |
| 10:10 News (Foreign Series)     | 10:00 Followed by Channel  | 9:30 News Summary       |
| 10:15 Variety Program           | 10:10 Deliver              | 9:40 Program Preview    |
| 10:20 Folk Dance                | 10:20 News                 | 9:50 News               |
| 10:25 Arabic News               | 10:30 Special Branch Stand | 10:00 News              |
| 10:30 Program Review            | 10:40 Followed by Channel  | 10:10 News              |
| 10:35 Song                      | 10:50 Deliver              | 10:20 News              |
| 10:40 Arabic Series             | 11:00 Special Branch Stand | 10:30 News              |
| 10:45 Variety Soap              | 11:10 Followed by Channel  | 10:40 News              |
| 10:50 Open Evening Show         | 11:20 Deliver              | 10:50 News              |
| 10:55 News Summary              | 11:30 Special Branch Stand | 11:00 News              |
| 11:00 Closedown                 | 11:40 Followed by Channel  | 11:10 News              |

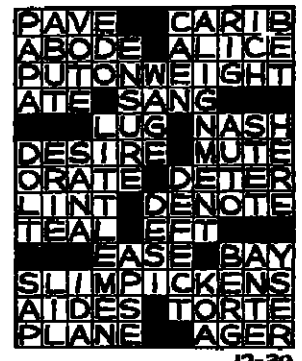
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| 14:05 Summary            | 14:05 Summary            |
| 14:10 Islamic Program    | 14:10 Islamic Program    |
| 14:15 Medical Program    | 14:15 Medical Program    |
| 14:20 Short Story        | 14:20 Short Story        |
| 14:25 News               | 14:25 News               |
| 14:30 Sports             | 14:30 Sports             |
| 14:35 Children's Program | 14:35 Children's Program |
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| 14:45 Islamic Program    | 14:45 Islamic Program    |
| 14:50 Holy Quran         | 14:50 Holy Quran         |
| 14:55 Summary            | 14:55 Summary            |
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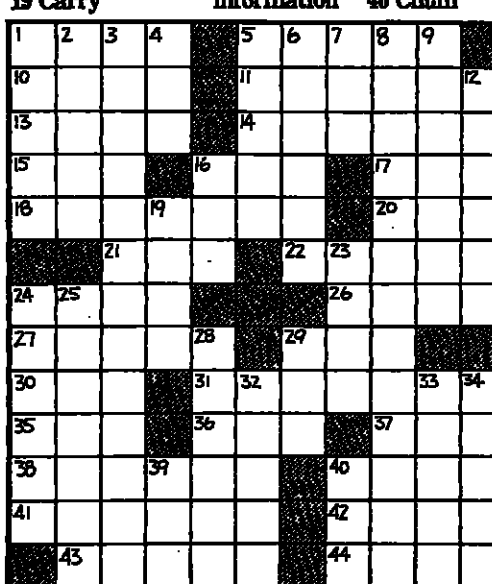
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| ACROSS                  | DOWN                      |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Son of Leah           | 1 Demolish                |
| 5 Irritate              | 2 Deport                  |
| 10 Leave                | 3 Rome tourist attraction |
| 11 Gilbert              | 4 Follower (suffix)       |
| 13 Reprehensible        | 5 Hag                     |
| 14 Verdi hero           | 6 Tasmanian city          |
| 15 Building annex       | 7 Drink                   |
| 16 Anecdotal collection | 8 See 3 Down              |
| 17 —                    | 9 Pact                    |
| 18 Buntline             | 12 Move with feeble steps |
| 19 Jacket material      | 16 Surprise!              |
| 20 Aim                  | 19 Carry                  |
| 21 Lady's neckwear      |                           |
| 22 Undergo              |                           |
| 24 Source               |                           |
| 26 Late Grandpa Walton  |                           |
| 27 Went wrong           |                           |
| 29 Gillespie's music    |                           |
| 30 Baseball throw       |                           |
| 31 Urbane               |                           |
| 35 Lava                 |                           |
| 36 Shelter              |                           |
| 37 Card game            |                           |
| 38 Stow                 |                           |
| 40 Playground           |                           |
| 41 Bed canopy           |                           |
| 42 Peak                 |                           |
| 43 Run-down             |                           |
| 44 Sans fat             |                           |



Yesterday's Answer

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 23 Expectant                | 29 Quilting or spelling |
| 24 Table fare               | 32 Suspicious           |
| 25 Iphigenia's brother      | 33 Talmadge             |
| 26 Searched for information | 34 Amulet               |
| 40 Chum                     | 39 Printemps            |



## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, K for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES  
NQNIRHZN SL M TNZSPL MC  
WNMLC HZFN M RNMI CGN  
INMW TNZSPLNLSUJWR GMQN  
CGNSI SANML FWHLNI CHTNGNI.  
— T. F. WSGCNDZDNI  
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## Contract Bridge B. Jay and Steve Becker

## A Simple Rule of Thumb

South dealer.  
North South vulnerable.

| NORTH  | EAST   |
|--------|--------|
| ♦ 1072 | ♦ 854  |
| ♥ 1063 | ♥ Q95  |
| ♦ AKJ8 | ♦ Q742 |
| ♣ J94  | ♣ 632  |

| WEST     | SOUTH   |
|----------|---------|
| ♦ KQJ963 | ♦ A     |
| ♥ J4     | ♥ AK872 |
| ♦ 63     | ♦ 1095  |
| ♣ 875    | ♣ AKQ10 |

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ 2♦ 3♥ Pass  
6♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

You get to shaky contracts at times, but when this happens you nevertheless do everything possible to try to make them. Consider South's plight in the present case where he got to six hearts and West led the king of spades.

Ordinarily, South would have gone down one, losing one or two trump tricks and possibly a diamond also. But he managed his assets exceptionally well and wound up making the slam.

Declarer won the spade lead with the ace, cashed the A-K of trumps, finding the suit divid-

ed 3-2, and then undertook a campaign to avoid the risky diamond finesse. In line with that he next led the ten of clubs to the jack, ruffed a spade, then played the ten of diamonds to the ace, and ruffed dummy's last spade.

Now having run East out of spades in an effort to establish an endplay against him, declarer cashed the A-K of clubs, finding the suit divided 3-3. He next led the queen of clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy, but East, reluctant to win the trick, discarded a diamond instead of ruffing.

However, this didn't help him because declarer then led a trump, forcing East to win and return a diamond from the Q-7 into dummy's K-J. So the upshot was that South made six hearts even though the slam seemed destined to fail.

It is worth noting how declarer pursued the process of trying to avoid the diamond finesse. True, he merely followed the rule that you shouldn't stake the outcome on a finesse without first giving thought to other methods of play that may circumvent the finesse. It's also true, however, that applying the rule to follow is usually much harder to think of than how to execute it. But once you think of the rule, the rest is easy as pie.

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Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY DECEMBER 30, 1982

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)  
Cultural pursuits prove rewarding now. Save time for a movie or a favorite TV show. Be conservative with regard to financial interests.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)  
It's too soon to act on an investment matter, though you'll meet with success in completing an important work assignment.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
Some off-beat financial proposals are made now, but you'd be wise to stick to tried-and-true methods. In general, your career prospers.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
You may be invited to an office party, but there could be some unexpected surprises in store. Children respect your authority.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)  
Despite your honest determination to complete some un-

finished tasks, you may find yourself easily distracted in the late afternoon.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
Home decorating projects bring you satisfaction now, but it's not the best time to invite guests. Career matters will prosper.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
Steer clear of risky business moves. You will have success today, if you stick to traditional methods and don't deviate from your course.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
Be sure to check expenses if you're planning a trip. There may be some hidden costs. Don't broadcast business and legal plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
A loved one is in a serious mood and not ready for light-hearted entertainment. Be willing to accede to this person's wishes.

After talking to a friend, you may revise your opinion about a romantic situation. It's best not to tip your hand in financial matters.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
Be sure to meet social obligations. Restlessness could make you careless in keeping appointments. Career moves are favored.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
A lovely social invitation arrives, but remember to attend to business affairs before partying. Concentration will bring rewards.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)  
A loved one is in a serious mood and not ready for light-hearted entertainment. Be willing to accede to this person's wishes.



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## To German paper

# Lech Walesa denies making statement

WARSAW, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity trade union, Tuesday denied comments attributed to him by the West German weekly paper *Bunte*.

In an article published this week, *Bunte* quoted Walesa as saying: "Poles and Germans know what suffering means. We are at least one people in our suffering. You Germans are divided and that is horrible. We must do all we can to fight for freedom."

The Polish press, citing this article, accused Walesa of making "irresponsible" comments.

The Polish news agency PAP accused Walesa of "offending the memory of millions of victims of Nazi bestiality."

Interviewed by telephone, Walesa said from the Baltic port of Gdansk that he had never made such a statement to *Bunte*. He said a photographer from the weekly saying he was bringing gifts had come to see him several days before Christmas, accompanied by Lenin Shipyard Chaplain Henryk Jankowski. The photographer took pictures but

"there was no conversation on such a subject" as Poles and Germans, Walesa said.

In Bonn, *Bunte* assistant editor-in-chief Norbert Sakowski said three eyewitnesses could verify Walesa's quoted comments. The three were Uwe Knoll, the correspondent who filed the report, photographer Ulrich Marx and a West German truck driver who had delivered packages to Poland. Sakowski said. He added that Knoll had seen Walesa twice, on Dec. 5 and 14, and that the statement quoted in the weekly was made Dec. 5 during a one-hour interview. PAP's accusations were designed to pressure Walesa and to give him a bad image, Sakowski said.

Meanwhile, government officials said Wednesday about 700 persons imprisoned for violating martial law in the last year are eligible to apply for clemency under a special procedure announced earlier this month. They said the clemency procedure, adopted with plans to suspend martial law Friday, was open to those sentenced to prison "for politically motivated crimes" since the military takeover Dec. 13 last year.

## Seine River poses threat

ROUEN, France, Dec. 29 (R) — Officials in the Normandy city of Rouen were anxiously watching the River Seine Wednesday as it continued to rise toward flood danger level, swollen by heavy rains earlier this month.

## Times threatens to stop pay checks

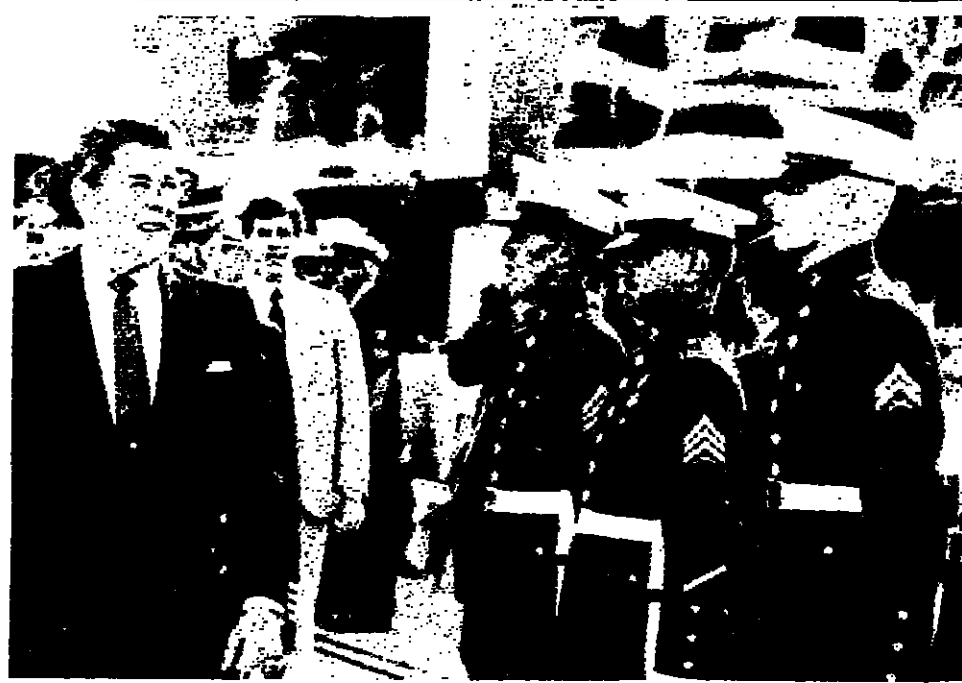
LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP) — The future of *The Times* of London was cast into new doubt Wednesday when owner Rupert Murdoch said he would stop paying all employees if striking electricians don't return to work in time to print Friday's edition.

Ninety-two electricians at the 197-year-old flagship of the Fleet Street press began a wildcat strike Dec. 20, demanding more pay for operating new computers and photographic equipment. The strike halted printing presses and has resulted in the loss of six editions of *The Times* and its weekend stablemate the *Sunday Times*.

A local authority spokesman said 2,000 troops and gendarmes were standing by with flat bottom boats and a helicopter to evacuate people in low-lying areas around the city about 120 kms northwest of Paris. Officials from the local rescue service (protection civile) said they expected flooding along a 100 kms stretch of the Seine, which twists and turns south of Rouen on its way to the sea near Le Havre. They predicted that the crisis point for rural and urban districts would be Friday.

They said the Seine was rising at the rate of about 20 cm a day, and was approaching the danger level of nine meters. As the authorities in Rouen prepared to implement their pre-arranged emergency plan, troops, firemen and police began clearing up sections in west and east-central France by flooding last week.

Local authorities in the Ain region, north of Lyons, have lifted the emergency measures imposed last week.



INSPECTS GUARD: President Ronald Reagan inspects a guard of honor prior to recommissioning the battleship USS *News Jersey* at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard Tuesday.

## Reagan to name MX panel

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan was expected to announce Wednesday the formation of a commission to study ways of basing the nuclear MX missile.

Reagan's proposal to place MX 100 missiles in silos near Cheyenne, Wyoming, in a closely spaced "dense pack" pattern met with strong objections in the House of Representatives and Senate, forcing the president to agree to name a panel to give the issue further study.

An administration official, requesting anonymity, said that former defense secretary Harold Brown, who served in the Carter administration, and James Schlesinger, a veteran of the Ford administration, were "highly likely to join the commission."

Reagan was not expected to play any part in the announcement of the commission's makeup. When he returns to Washington Sunday after a new year vacation, Reagan faces a host of decisions, including choosing a new transportation secretary to replace Drew Lewis, who resigned effective Feb. 1 to go into private business. The president is also faced with a growing budget dilemma, with projections indicating deficit in the coming fiscal year could reach \$200 billion.

The first official look at some of the president's priorities for the coming year may come in the State of the Union address he will deliver to a nationwide broadcast audience and a joint session of Congress Jan. 25.

## Row over Miss France contests

PARIS, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Tuesday night's election here of Miss France 1983, Isabelle Turpault, has sparked off a verbal battle between two rival organizations which annually hold their own separate "Miss France" competitions.

The Paris-based organization announced Wednesday that it would hold the only authentic Miss France 1983 competition on new year's eve. Organization chairman Jean Raibaut said the competition would be held

in "France's capital of beauty," the little Mediterranean resort of Scy-sur-Mer, where a jury would choose from among 50 "Misses" from all over the country. Raibaut warned "the press, radio and television against fake committees, with different names, which only harm this type of competition."

He was obviously referring to his organization's long-time Paris rival, headed by Guy Rinaldo, which arranged Tuesday night's "Miss France" event.

Raibaut said his committee, founded in 1953, was the oldest of its kind in France, and that it operated on the lines of a series of agreements reached with the first organizer of a "Miss Europe" competition in 1936.

Rinaldo retorted that such claims were "lies".

He also pointed out that his Paris-based committee had established its credentials in France's official gazette on Nov. 14, 1954.

"I challenge the president of the Paris-based Miss France Committee to produce a single press photo or article about a Miss France, in the fifties, who was not elected by my committee," he said defiantly.

## Zimbabwe steps up security in Matabeleland

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Zimbabwean authorities have stepped up security in Southwestern Matabeleland after the recent attack by renegade guerrillas on three buses and a train, the most serious dissident action since six foreign tourists were abducted in July.

The number of roadblocks was increased along with foot and motor patrols by security forces in both town and country. Minister of State for Security Sydney Sekeramavi told *The Chronicle* newspaper in an interview published Wednesday. Sekeramavi said the measures aimed to counter the latest attacks by dissidents in Matabeleland, who are mainly former wartime guerrillas of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo. He appealed to local residents to support the government action.

## Minister visits Sicily to study Mafia threat

PALERMO, Italy, Dec. 29 (R) — Italy's internal affairs minister, Virginio Rognoni, flew to Sicily for talks on an outbreak of gang warfare among Mafia families for control of the island's thriving heroin trade.

Suspected Mafia killings in Sicily so far this year rose to 144 over the weekend as gangland assassins claimed six more lives. Police also say that they believe the disappearance of more than 100 persons this year to be the work of the Mafia. Rognoni met Emanuele de Francesco, appointed prefect of the Sicilian capital last September after Mafia gunmen murdered his predecessor, Gen. Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa.

After his meeting, Rognoni told reporters he intended to step up cooperation with other countries, including the United States, to contain heroin traffic from the Middle East which passes through Palermo on its way to the U.S.

## Zhao arriving in Guinea today

DAKAR, Senegal, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang, who begins a visit to Guinea Thursday as part of his African tour, will be going to a West African state that was on Chou En-lai's tour of the continent nearly 20 years ago.

Zhao's stay in Conakry is expected to help reinforce its cooperative and friendly relations with Peking. These relations, described by the Guinean authorities as "exemplary," have never dwindled, not even at the height of the cultural revolution, unlike Conakry's relations with the Soviet Union.

## French minister warns Corsican nationalists

PARIS, Dec. 29 (R) — A fresh wave of political violence in Corsica by nationalists seeking the island's independence from France will be firmly resisted, Security Minister Joseph Franceschi said Wednesday.

The Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) bombed seven French-owned private residences in one night this week in the Corsican town Ajaccio.

A statement by Franceschi said the government "is absolutely determined to fight this pernicious and insidious form of terrorism and to stop it spreading." Police have blamed the FLNC for almost 800 acts of political violence since February, when a truce between the nationalists and the government ended with the murder of a soldier.

With the scale of the confrontation mounting, the FLNC is openly comparing its fight with Algeria's war for independence from French colonial rule which ended in 1962.

FLNC guerrillas have begun attacking the homes of French families, as well as the banks and government offices which have been their traditional targets.

Corsican sources said the nationalists were trying to force French people to leave Corsica and "already some people are preferring to pack up and go rather than risk being hit."

Ajaccio is plastered with graffiti in Corsican dialect saying "Franceschi-Fora" (French out), the sources said.

Messages left on the scenes of bombings accuse France of trying to swamp the island with settlers. Three policemen were injured in the bombings last Monday night of homes including those of French shopkeepers and civil servants. The front says it has started collecting revolutionary taxes from rich Corsicans and from "a number of Frenchmen who have made large profits out of our colonization."

## Koo, Andrew meet

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP) — Koo Stark visited Prince Andrew and the rest of the royal family at Windsor Castle over Christmas at the invitation of Queen Elizabeth II. *The Daily Mail* reported Wednesday.

The British tabloid said the information came from estate workers at the castle 40 kms west of London. It did not say how the workers knew about the visit. Buckingham Palace refused to comment on the report.

Andrew's vacation with 26-year-old actress last October on the Caribbean island highway of Mustique made headlines around the world.

# GLOBAL WEATHER

|                | Min | Max |     | Min | Max    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
|                | C   | F   | C   | F   | C      |
| Amsterdam      | 5   | 41  | 9   | 48  | cloudy |
| Athens         | 6   | 43  | 12  | 54  | cloudy |
| Bahrein        | 13  | 55  | 19  | 66  | clear  |
| Bangkok        | 14  | 57  | 28  | 82  | clear  |
| Beirut         | 10  | 50  | 19  | 66  | rain   |
| Belgrade       | 1   | 34  | 4   | 39  | cloudy |
| Berlin         | -1  | 30  | 1   | 34  | clear  |
| Brussels       | 3   | 37  | 6   | 43  | cloudy |
| Buenos Aires   | 24  | 75  | 31  | 88  | cloudy |
| Cairo          | 9   | 48  | 17  | 63  | cloudy |
| Caracas        | 16  | 61  | 24  | 75  | clear  |
| Copenhagen     | 1   | 34  | 5   | 41  | clear  |
| Dublin         | 2   | 36  | 8   | 46  | cloudy |
| Frankfurt      | -1  | 30  | 7   | 45  | cloudy |
| Geneva         | -2  | 28  | 5   | 41  | clear  |
| Havana         | 20  | 68  | 30  | 86  | clear  |
| Helinski       | 0   | 32  | 2   | 36  | cloudy |
| Hong Kong      | 12  | 54  | 19  | 66  | clear  |
| Honolulu       | 21  | 70  | 27  | 81  | cloudy |
| Jakarta        | 21  | 70  | 29  | 84  | rain   |
| Kuala Lumpur   | 23  | 73  | 32  | 90  | rain   |
| Lima           | 20  | 68  | 27  | 81  | clear  |
| Lisbon         | 6   | 43  | 14  | 57  | cloudy |
| London         | 5   | 41  | 9   | 48  | cloudy |
| Los Angeles    | 11  | 52  | 19  | 66  | cloudy |
| Madrid         | 1   | 30  | 14  | 57  | clear  |
| Manila         | 20  | 68  | 29  | 84  | clear  |
| Mexico City    | 10  | 50  | 23  | 73  | clear  |
| Miami          | 24  | 75  | 25  | 77  | cloudy |
| Montreal       | -2  | 28  | -10 | 50  | fog    |
| Moscow         | -1  | 30  | 0   | 32  | cloudy |
| New Delhi      | -7  | 45  | 15  | 59  | cloudy |
| New York       | 7   | 45  | 17  | 63  | cloudy |
| Nicosia        | 5   | 41  | 16  | 61  | rain   |
| Oaxaca         | -5  | 23  | -1  | 34  | clear  |
| Paris          | 3   | 37  | 8   | 46  | cloudy |
| Peking         | -1  | 30  | 5   | 41  | clear  |
| Perth          | 14  | 57  | 26  | 79  | clear  |
| Rio de Janeiro | 20  | 68  | 31  | 88  | rain   |
| Rome           | 0   | 32  | 12  | 54  | clear  |
| San Francisco  | 9   | 48  | 15  | 59  | clear  |
| Seoul          | 3   | 37  | 8   | 46  | clear  |
| Singapore      | 24  | 75  | 29  | 84  | cloudy |
| Stockholm      | -1  | 30  | 1   | 34  | clear  |
| Sydney         | -1  | 30  | 24  | 75  | cloudy |
| Taipei         | 15  | 59  | 22  | 72  | clear  |
| Tokyo          | 6   | 43  | 12  | 54  | clear  |
| Toronto        | 6   | 43  | 9   | 48  | clear  |

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